VOTES

OF THE

House of Commons;

Perused and Signed to be Printed According to the Order of the House of Commons,

BY ME

William Williams, Speaker.

LONDON,

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I Appoint *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, to Print these VOTES of the HOUSE OF COMMONS; And that no other Person shall presume to Print the same.

WI WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,
Jovis 21° *Octobris* 1680.

THE Houſe being met, a Meſſage was delivered from the King by Sir *Edward Carterett* Uſher of the Black Rod, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

The King Commands this Honourable Houſe to Attend Him immediately in the Houſe of Peers.

And accordingly the Houſe went up to Attend His Majeſty, who was pleaſed, after having made a Speech, to Command the Commons to return to their Houſe, and proceed to the Choice of their Speaker.

And the Houſe being returned, and a Motion being made, That *William Williams* Eſq; be Choſen Speaker for this Houſe, It was Reſolved in the Affirmative, *Nemine contradicente.*

And Mr. *Williams* having in a Speech to this effect, diſabled himſelf for this Service;

Gentlemen,

Gentlemen,

I Need not reckon my Infirmities to this House, It is enough to mention them; they are better known to many of the Members then to my self: they have often appeared within these Walls in two Parliaments: Therefore I trust your own Knowledge and Experience of my Failings will easily divert your Inclinations to name me your Speaker. And as you have had Experience of my Unfitness for such Service, so have you had sufficient Proof, I may say Demonstration, of the Aptness of many worthy Members now present for your Service; Men of bulk, great enough to fill your Chair; Men of Art, skilful enough to guide and collect your Debates; Men of Science in the Laws and Methods of Parliament, wise enough to steer and conduct your Counsels. Your Choice of a Speaker this day is the Effect of much Time and long Consideration. It will be no Excuse for the Commons now in Parliament to say They had not time for Deliberation in this great Matter, as was usual in other Parliaments, when Speakers were Elected upon their first Meeting in Parliament: Therefore a more deliberate Election

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will be expected from you after this time for Contemplation. And add the proſpect of what is like to be the ſubject Matter of this Parliament, The Security of the Proteſtant Religion; The Safety of the King and Kingdom; The Preſervation of the Juſtice of the Land; Matters highly arduous and urgent at this time. Theſe muſt prevail with you to depart from your firſt Intentions of the Honour you propoſed for me this day. Your firſt ſtep toward it I acknowledge to be ſufficient Honour for me; therefore I pray let me ask it from you, not onely for my own ſake, but for your own Honour, and for the Intereſt of the Publick, That you pleaſe to proceed to the Choice of another Perſon, more proper for the Bulk of your Chair, and Weight of your Work, and leave me in this Place, where my Country ſeated me for your Service.

His Excuſe being rejected by the Houſe, Mr. *Williams* was Conducted to the Chair by Two Members of the Houſe, and in the Chair made a Speech to this effect to the Houſe.

Gentlemen,

I Tremble when I reflect under what Difficulties Learned, Experienced, and Wiſe Men have laboured in this Chair: Yet I am not afraid of their Preſident who impaired their Eſtates and

Health, no not of them who loſt their Lives in this Service. Theſe are a Sacrifice I owe my Country. But when I ſuffer my ſelf to think that ſome Gentlemen have maimed their Reputation in this Truſt, theſe thoughts are dreadful to me, they wound me, and muſt yet ſtrike deeper with me, Unleſs you that called me hither ſhall pleaſe to ſtand by me, cheriſh, and ſupport me in all the Difficulties of this Place. I have it by your Courteſie, and ſhall hold it at your Pleaſure. And I have this to ſecure me, If I fall, I fall into the hands of Gentlemen, that made me what I am in your Service.

I doubt not but you will remember, I am your own Miniſter, your own onely, your own intirely, placed in this Service without ſeeking, without recommending: I expect no Boon, but by your Grace and Favour, to depart as I came, when you ſhall pleaſe to Command me, without repenting.

The Houſe being informed that His Majeſty had appointed to morrow at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the Houſe to Preſent their Speaker.

Veneris 22° Octobris 1680.

Poſt Meridiem.

THe Houſe being met, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair,

A Meſſage was delivered from the King by Sir *Edward Carteret* Uſher of the Black Rod.

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Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The King Commands this Honourable House to Attend Him in the House of Peers.

And accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Majesty, and humbly represented to His Majesty, That the House of Commons had chosen him their Speaker. And he made Claim by Humble Petition, in the Name of the Commons of *England* in Parliament Assembled, of the Ancient Rights of the Commons, for them and their Servants, in their Persons and Estates, to be free from Arrests and other Disturbances: In all their Debates to have Freedom and Liberty of Speech: And as occasion shall require, to have Access to His Majesties Person. Which was allowed by the King.

The House being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair, and made Report thereof to the House,

The House Adjourned.

Lunæ 25° die Octobris 1680.

A Message from the Lords by the Lord Chief Justice *Scroggs*, and the Lord Chief Justice *North*, to the Commons.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have Commanded us to acquaint you, that they have made an Address to His Majesty, and have received His Majesties Answer thereunto, which they have thought fit to Communicate to this House.

The Address.

ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the Lords with white Staves do Attend His Majesty, humbly to

to desire Him from this House, That whereas there hath been a Discovery of an Horrid Plot and Conspiracy by the Papists against His Majesty's Person and Government, which still continues, His Majesty will be Graciously pleased to issue out his Royal Proclamation, thereby Declaring, That if any person or persons shall within the space of Two months after the Date of such Proclamation, come in and give Evidence of any Treason or Conspiracy against His Majesty's Royal Person and Government, That then His Majesty will Graciously Pardon such person or persons all Treasons and Misprision of Treasons, and all Offences in concealment of the same, to the time limited by the said Proclamation.

Jo. Browne Cleric. Parliamentor.

His Majesty's Answer to the Address.

HIs Majesty hath Considered of the Address made by the House, and is so willing to Encourage all persons who know any thing of any Treasons and Conspiracies against His Person and Government, that He will cause His Royal Proclamation to issue, Declaring that He will fully pardon and secure all persons who shall make such Discovery, not onely during the space of Two months, as is desired, but at any time after, whensoever such Discovery shall be made.

Martis 26° die Octob. 1680.

Ordered,

THat a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the Debate of the House, for Regulating the Election of Members to Serve in Parliament.

A Committee appointed to draw up the same, and to take care to bring in a Clause to declare the Law, that an Action of the Case may be brought and maintained, for any Damages sustained by undue Returns.

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The House taking into Consideration the Message sent from the Lords,

Ordered,

That an humble Address be prepared to be Presented to His Majesty, for the Pardon of such persons who shall within a limited time make satisfactory Discovery to this House, of the Horrid Popish Plot.

The House being informed that Mr. *Dangerfield* was in the Speakers Chamber, and desired he might acquaint the House with some Matters of Importance relating to the Popish Plot,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dangerfield* be called to the Bar of this House, to give an account to the House, what he knows relating to the Popish Plot.

And Mr. *Dangerfield* being accordingly called to the Bar of the House, related his Evidence; and being withdrawn,

The House taking notice of Mr. *Dangerfields* having in his Informution mentioned Sir *Robert Peyton*, a Member of this House,

Ordered,

That it be referred to the Consideration of a Committee, to Examine the Matters touching Sir *Robert Peyton*, and to Report the same to the House.

Resolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That it is the Opinion of this House, to proceed effectually to suppress Popery, and prevent a Popish Successor.

Mercurii 27° die Octobris 1680.

MR. *Treby* reports from the Commitee appointed to prepare and draw up an Address to be presented to His Majesty,

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

WE Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons in Parliament aſſembled, being highly zealous for the Preſervation of the Proteſtant Religion, Your Majeſties Sacred Perſon and Government, and Reſolving to purſue with a ſtrict and impartial Enquiry, the Execrable Popiſh Plot, which was Detected in the Two laſt Parliaments, and has been ſupported and carried on by potent and reſtleſs Practices and Machinations, eſpecially during the late Receſſes of Parliament, whereby ſeveral perſons have been terrified and diſcouraged from declaring their knowledge thereof; Moſt humbly beſeech Your Majeſty, that for the ſecurity of ſuch perſons who ſhall be willing to give Evidence, or make further ſatisfactory Diſcovery concerning the ſame to this Houſe, Your Majeſty would be pleaſed to iſſue Your Royal Proclamation, aſſuring all the ſaid perſons of Your gracious Pardon, if they ſhall give ſuch Evidence, or make ſuch Diſcovery within Two months after the Date of ſuch Proclamation.

Reſolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That it is, and ever hath been the undoubted Right of the Subjects of *England*, to Petition the King for the Calling and Sitting of Parliaments, and Redreſſing of Grievances.

Reſolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That to traduce ſuch Petitioning as a violation of Duty, and to repreſent it to His Majeſty as Tumultuous and Seditious, is to betray the Liberty of the Subject, and contributes to the Deſign of ſubverting the ancient legal Conſtitution of this Kingdom, and introducing Arbitrary Power.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to Enquire of all ſuch perſons as have offended againſt theſe Rights of the Subject.

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The Houſe being informed that Sir *Francis Wythens*, a Member of this Houſe, had offended againſt the ſaid Rights of the Subject,

Ordered,

That Sir *Francis VVythens*, a Member of this Houſe, have notice given him by the Serjeant, to attend his Place to morrow morning.

Reſolved,

That an Addreſs be made to His Majeſty, declaring the Reſolution of this Houſe, to Preſerve and Support the Kings Perſon and Government, and the Proteſtant Religion at Home and Abroad.

Jovis 28° die Octob. 1680.

SIr *Francis Wythens* appearing in his Place, according to the Order of the Houſe yeſterday made,

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Peace for *Weſtminſter* do attend this Houſe to morrow morning at Ten of the Clock, with the Roll of the Orders for laſt *Eaſter* Seſſions for the City of *Weſtminſter*.

An Information being given the Houſe againſt Sir *Robert Yeamans* of *Briſtol*, and againſt Sir *Robert Cann*, a Member of this Houſe, That they did in *October* 1679, publickly declare, That there was no Popiſh Plot, but a *Presbyterian* Plot;

And Mr. *Rowe*, Sword-Bearer of *Briſtol*, being called in to the Bar, and atteſting the ſame, all which being likewiſe atteſted by Sir *John Knight*, a Member of this Houſe;

And Sir *Robert Cann* being called upon by the Houſe to make his Defence therein: who ſtanding up in his Place, did in defence utter ſeveral reproachful and reflecting words againſt the ſaid Sir *John Knight*.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Sir *Robert Cann* be brought to the Bar of this Houſe, and do receive a Reprehenſion from Mr. Speaker, upon his Knees; which was done accordingly.

And Sir *Robert Cann* being again withdrawn, the Houſe proceeded in the further Conſideration of the Matters charged againſt him, and after long Debate,

Reſolved, *&c.*

That it doth appear by the Evidence this day given to this Houſe, that Sir *Robert Cann* is guilty of publickly declaring in the City of *Briſtol*, in *October* 1679, That there was no Popiſh Plot, but a *Presbyterian* Plot.

Ordered,

That Sir *Robert Cann*, a Member of this Houſe, be Committed to the Priſon of the Tower.

Ordered,

That Sir *Robert Cann* be Expelled this Houſe.

And then he was brought to the Bar of the Houſe, and upon his Knees received from Mr. Speaker the Judgment of the Houſe for his Expulſion from this Houſe, and Commitment to the Tower.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do iſſue out his Warrant to the Serjeant at Arms, for conveying the Body of Sir *Robert Cann* to the Priſon of the Tower.

Ordered,

That Sir *Robert Yeamans* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant Attending this Houſe, to Anſwer for publickly declaring in the City of *Briſtol*, in *October* 1679, That there was no Popiſh Plot, but a *Presbyterian* Plot.

Ordered,

That Doctor *Dove* be deſired to Preach before this Houſe on the Fifth day of *November* next, at St. *Mar-*

St. *Margarets Weſtminſter*; and Mr. Speaker is deſired by the Houſe to give him notice thereof.

Veneris 29° die Octob. 1680.

Ordered,

THat Sir *George Downing* have leave to bring in a Bill for Wearing of the Woollen Manufacture of *England*.

Ordered,

That Doctor *Tongue* be humbly recommended by this Houſe to His Majeſty, for the firſt conſiderable Church Preferment that ſhall happen to become void in this Kingdom; and that ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of His Majeſties Privy Council, do repreſent the ſame to His Majeſty.

Mr. Speaker acquaints the Houſe, That having Attended His Majeſty yeſterday in the Afternoon, with the Addreſs for a Pardon for ſuch Perſons as ſhall make a ſatisfactory Diſcovery to this Houſe, of the Horrid Popiſh Plot; His Majeſty was pleaſed to return His Gracious Anſwer to this effect, *viz.*

THat He did intend to Direct ſuch a Proclamation, and was Reſolved not only to Proſecute the Plot, but Popery alſo, and to take care of the Proteſtant Religion Eſtabliſhed by Law; And if We joyn, and this Houſe go on calmly in their Debates, without Heats, He did not doubt but to beat down Popery, and all that belongs to it.

Mr. *Harbord* Reports from the Committee to whom it was referred, to Prepare and Draw up an Addreſs, Declaring the Reſolution of this Houſe to Preſerve and Support the Kings Perſon and Government, and the Proteſtant Religion both at Home and Abroad.

The Addreſs Agreed unto by the Houſe.

May it pleaſe Your Moſt Excellent Majeſty,

WE your Majeſties moſt dutiful and obedient Subjects the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, do with moſt thankful hearts acknowledge, not onely your Ma-

jesties many former Royal Declarations of your adherence to the Protestant Religion, in the Preservation and Protection thereof, but your further Manifestation of the same in your Gracious Speech to both Houses at the Opening of this present Parliament, in which your Majesty is pleased to Command us strictly and impartially to prosecute the Horrid Popish Plot, without which we do fully assent to your Majesties great Judgment, That neither your Person nor Government can be safe, nor your Protestant Subjects, it being part of the very Religion of Popery, where it can obtain, to extirpate all Protestants, both Prince and People; which hath caused in the times of your Royal Ancestors since the Reformation, that great care to oblige the Subjects against their return to the Papal Yoke, in the very same Oaths wherein they Swear Allegiance to their Prince. And as now the Eyes of all the Protestant Kingdoms and States Abroad are upon Us, and looking upon your Majesty as the Royal Head of so many Protestant Countries, cannot but hope, upon a happy and solid Security in our Religion at home, That your Majesty will be the greatest Protection to them, from whom we may expect a Mutual Assistance, as being involved in the same Common Danger: So we do humbly assure your Majesty, That We shall be always ready to Preserve your Majesties Person and Government, and to Support the Protestant Religion both at Home and Abroad: And do humbly beseech your Majesty to Esteem all Persons whatsoever who shall otherwise represent Us to your Majesty, as those who design to divide between the King and his People, and to defeat the Meeting and Sitting of Parliaments, That those Popish Designs may succeed, which they well know cannot otherwise prosper. And this they have made more undeniably evident in the interval of Parliaments, by Contriving, with unparallel'd Insolence, a most damnable and wicked Design, to transfer their own Crimes upon so many of your Majesties Loyal Protestant Nobility and Gentry, hoping thereby to destroy those who with the greatest Zeal and Integrity endeavour to Prosecute them.

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The Houſe then proceeded to the Conſideration of the Matter relating to Sir *Francis Wythens*, a Member of this Houſe, and ſeveral Witneſſes being called in and Examined at the Bar of this Houſe in that Matter: And,

It appearing to the Houſe, upon the Confeſſion of the ſaid Sir *Francis Wythens* in his Place, and upon the Evidence given at the Bar of the Houſe againſt him, that he had Preſented an Addreſs to His Majeſty, expreſſing an Abhorrency to Petition His Majeſty for the Calling and Sitting of Parliaments:

Reſolved,

That Sir *Francis Wythens*, by Promoting and Preſenting to His Majeſty an Addreſs expreſſing an Abhorrency to Petition His Majeſty for the Calling and Sitting of Parliaments, hath betrayed the undoubted Rights of the Subjects of *England*.

Ordered,

That Sir *Francis Wythens* be Expelled this Houſe for this high Crime.

Ordered,

That Sir *Francis Wythens* do receive his Sentence at the Bar of this Houſe upon his Knees from Mr. Speaker. Which he received accordingly.

Sabbati 30° die Octobris 1680.

MR. Secretary *Jenkins* acquaints the Houſe, That His Majeſty having been Attended by ſuch of the Members of this Houſe as are of the Privy Council, to know His Pleaſure when this Houſe ſhould Wait upon His Majeſty with their Addreſs, Declaring their Reſolution to Preſerve His Majeſty's Perſon, *&c.* He was pleaſed to appoint Three of the Clock this Afternoon for this Houſe to Attend Him in the Banquetting-houſe.

He further acquainted the Houſe, That His Majeſty being Attended by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of His Privy Council, with the Addreſs relating

relating to Dr. *Tongue*, His Majeſty was pleaſed to return Anſwer, That he had already taken ſome care of Dr. *Tongue*, and that he would take him into further Conſideration.

Reſolved,

That the Votes of this Houſe be Printed, being firſt Peruſed and Signed by Mr. Speaker, and that Mr. Speaker nominate and appoint the Perſons to Print the ſame.

Seignior *Franciſco Ferria* being called in, delivered his Evidence at the Bar of this Houſe, relating to the Popiſh Plot.

Reſolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That this Houſe will forthwith proceed to the full Examination of the Popiſh Plot, in order to bring the Offenders to Juſtice.

Reſolved,

That a Committee be appointed to Inſpect the Journals of the Two laſt Parliaments, and make a Report to the Houſe of their Proceedings relating to the Popiſh Plot: And it is referred to, *&c.* or any Three of them, and they are to meet this Afternoon at Three of the Clock in the Speakers Chamber, and are to Sit *de die in diem.*

Ordered,

That an humble Addreſs be made to His Majeſty by ſuch of the Members of this Houſe as are of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, That all the Letters, Papers and Evidences which have been delivered in to the Privy Council, relating to the Horrid Popiſh Plot, may be delivered in to this Houſe.

Peruſed and Signed by me this Firſt day of November 1680, *according to the Order of the Houſe of Commons.*

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

VOTES

Of the Houſe of

COMMONS,

Lunæ 1° die Novembris 1680.

MR. Secretary *Jenkins* acquaints the Houſe, that according to the Order of this Houſe made on *Saturday* laſt for an humble Addreſs to be made to His Majeſty by ſuch of the Members of this Houſe as are of His Majeſties Privy Council, that all ſuch Papers, Letters and Evidences, relating to the Horrid Popiſh Plot, as have been delivered in to the Privy Council, might be tranſmitted to this Houſe, His Majeſty had been Attended in this matter, who was pleaſed to Anſwer, That the Houſe of Lords having at their firſt Sitting appointed a Committee for Examination of the Popiſh Plot, His Majeſty had been pleaſed on the 24*th.* day of the laſt Month, to Order all Examinations, Papers and Writings relating to the Popiſh Plot, and in the Cuſtody of the Clerks of the Council, to be ſent to that Committee, and that on the 27*th.* day of *October* laſt, they were all ſent accordingly.

A Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufacture of *England*, by the general wearing thereof, was Read the firſt time.

Reſolved, *&c.*

That the ſaid Bill be Read a Second time.

Mr. *Speaker* acquaints this Houſe, that the Houſe Attended His Majeſty on *Saturday* laſt in the Afternoon at the *Banquetting-Houſe* with their Addreſs, declaring the Reſolution of this Houſe, to Preſerve and Support the Kings Perſon and Government, and the Proteſtant Religion both at Home and Abroad; And that His Majeſty returned His Gracious Anſwer to this effect, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I thank you very heartily for your Zeal for the Proteſtant

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Religion: And I aſſure you there ſhall be nothing wanting on my part at Home or Abroad to preſerve it.

Sir *Francis Winnington* Chairman to the Committee appointed to inſpect the Journals of the Two laſt Parliaments, relating to the Horrid Popiſh Plot, made a Report from the ſaid Committee, of a general Abſtract of thoſe Proceedings taken out of the ſaid Journals, and he referring in the ſaid Report to ſeveral Entries in the ſaid Journals, which could not yet be Tranſcribed:

Ordered,

That the ſaid Report be perfected by the ſaid Committee, and afterwards preſented to the Houſe, to be Entred in the Journals of this Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſame Committee do inſpect the Journals of the Lords Houſe of the Two laſt Parliaments, and make a Report of their Lordſhips Proceedings, relating to the Horrid Popiſh Plot, and that the ſaid Committee do Sit *de Die in Diem.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Treby* do give this Houſe Information to morrow morning of all the matters by him Reported in the laſt Parliament, relating to the Horrid Popiſh Plot.

The Houſe being Informed that one *Hardwich* a Linen Draper at the *Naked Boy* in *Henrietta-ſtreet Covent-Garden*, did in breach of the Priviledges of this Houſe commit certain Miſdemeanors againſt the ſaid Seignior *Franciſco*, being a Witneſs produced and examined at the Bar of this Houſe touching the Horrid Popiſh Plot:

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Hardwich* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant attending this Houſe, to Anſwer to this Houſe for the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dugdale* do Attend this Houſe on *Thurſday* morning next at Ten of the Clock, to make his further Diſcovery of the Horrid Popiſh Plot.

THeſe Votes are Peruſed, and Signed to be Printed according to the Order of the Houſe of Commons, this Second day of November, 1680. *by me* Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

I Appoint *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, to Print the ſame, and that no other Perſon ſhall preſume to Print them.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed by the Aſſigns of *John Bill*, *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty. 1680.

I Appoint Thomas Gyperomb, and Henry Bilb, to Print this Information, According to the Order of the House of Commons. And that no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame. Gyperomb 10th 1680.

Wm. Williams Speaker.

I Appoint *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, to Print this Information, According to the Order of the HOUSE of COMMONS; And that no other Person presume to Print the same. *Novemb.* 10th. 1680.

Wi WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

THE INFORMATION OF Stephen Dugdale, GENT.

Delivered at the BAR of the

HOUSE of COMMONS,

Munday the First day of *November*,

In the Year of our Lord 1680.

Peruſed and Signed to be Printed, According to the Order of the Houſe of Commons,

BY ME

William Williams, Speaker.

LONDON,
Printed by the Aſſigns of *John Bill*, *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty, 1680.

THE INFORMATION OF Stephen Dugdale, GENT.

Delivered at the BAR of the

HOUSE of COMMONS,

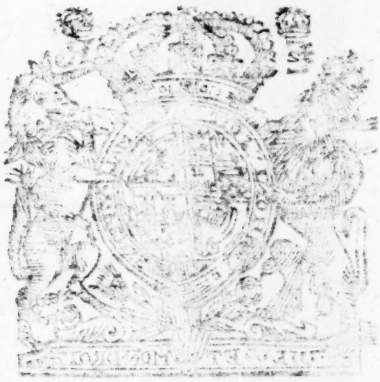
Monday the First day of November,

In the Year of our Lord 1680.

Perused and Signed to be Printed, According to the Order of the House of Commons,

SYME

William Williams, Speaker.



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THE INFORMATION Given at the BARR of the Honourable the House of Commons, BY Mr. Stephen Dugdale,

On the 30th day of *October*, *Anno Dom.* 1680. *viz.*

THAT about two or three and twenty years ſince, I was brought over from the Church of *England* to the Church of *Rome*, by one Mr. *Knight* a Prieſt, continuing ſome years under his care, till at length he the ſaid Mr. *Knight*, through infirmity of body, not being able to Officiate his

Prieſtly Function, he delivered me to the care of one *Francis Evers* a Jeſuit, who did not only take care to inſtruct me in matters relating to a future State, as to a future State, but in all things as far as he could in temporal things. Likewiſe he the ſaid Mr. *Evers* laid an injunction upon me to viſit him every day once, if I was at home: and ſo by ſuch means we grew to ſuch an intimacy, that ſcarcely any thing that the one knew, but the other was privy to it. So that ſometimes as we were talking of affairs of State, and the Revolutions of Governments, we came to diſcourſe of our own. And he the ſaid *Evers* often hath told me, that it would not be long before we might expect good times, for the Duke of *York* having declared himſelf to be a *Roman Catholick*, had given a good aſſurance to the Pope; beſides he was a Prince of that reſolution and worth, that if ever he made any ingagement, he would never revoke it, particularly in ſo high a Concern as this, where his Soul lies at ſtake. So that never more Hopes than now of diſperſing the dark Clouds of Hereſie. He hath not only engaged himſelf ſolemnly to us for the Eſtabliſhing of Religion, but that he would reſtore Us to all our Church Lands, and other Priviledges taken from the Church formerly. And this I had not from Mr. *Evers* alone, but from ſeveral private Gentlemen, beſides Prieſts. For my great intimacy with Mr. *Evers* did get me great acquaintance with moſt of the Gentry of our Religion. So by that means I came with ſeveral of them to their private Meetings, where it had been debated, what the Duke of *York*'s pleaſure was, that as he had given them an Aſſurance of his Part, they ſhould not be negligent to do theirs. And that they ſhould be in all readineſs with all neceſ-

neceſſaries when the King ſhould dye, to aſſiſt the Duke againſt the Proteſtants. For they muſt expect ſome oppoſition from the Proteſtant Party: but good Care before-hand might prevent a great deal of Miſchief, and that it was thought fit that every Landlord amongſt his Tenants and Servants have ſome twenty, ſome thirty, ſome fourty Catholicks, and the Prieſt to inſtruct them, That they ſhould be ready at an hours warning, and this was the courſe reſolved upon. And that the ſaid *Evers* told me, that there had been great care taken for an honeſt Gentleman to be Confeſſor to the Duke of *York*, and they had found one, a friend to the ſaid *Evers*, who was a worthy honeſt Gentleman, one Mr. *Moumford*, otherwiſe called *Beddingfeild*. He was preſented to the Duke ſometime before the *Dutch* Wars, and was with the Duke, being his Ghoſtly Father, in the *Dutch* Wars on Shipboard. Mr. *Evers* hath ſhewed me Letters from him dated from on Shipboard, commending the Duke, how good and zealous he was in the *Roman Catholick* Religion: he thought him to be the hopefulleſt and zealouſeſt Prince in the whole Univerſe. I ſaw in one of thoſe Letters from on Shipboard to Mr. *Evers*, that he the ſaid *Beddingfeild* had given the Duke the bleſſed Hoſt twice, in order for the Engaging himſelf with the Enemy. That in the year 1677. Mr. *Evers* and I being in diſcourſe, Mr. *Evers* told me, There were great fears and jealouſies, that the King would outlive the Duke of *York*, and then all our hopes were at an end. But to prevent that, he told me, that Cardinal *Howard* had ſent a Letter, that they had Excommunicated the King as an Heretick, that he was depoſed from being King, and that any One that killed him might merit by

it. That he maintained a Damnable Heretical Doctrine; and ſo conſequently was an Enemy of Chriſt. At this time I had all the Letters directed to me for the carrying on this Plot, which were for Mr. *Evers*, ſome of which I opened and read, which all tended to lay hold of this Opportunity; for if they miſſed this Point, they muſt never look to have the like again for the Eſtabliſhing of their Religion. And about the Month of *July* or *Auguſt* 1677. ſoon after I was by Mr. *Evers* admitted into the ſecret of the Deſign for the Romiſh Government, there came one *Carrington* to *Tixall*, whom the Jeſuits thereabouts imployed as a Meſſenger of Truſt in their Buſineſs. He brought a Letter to Mr. *Evers* from Mr. *Vavaſor*, who was then at *Wolverhampton* or *Boſcobell*, and meeting me in the Hall, deſired me to give it to Mr. *Evers*, which I preſently did. The Letter from Mr. *Vavaſor* did incloſe in it ſeveral others, as one from *John Grove* in *London*, who in a part of the ſheet of Paper writ ſome News in ſhort: but underneath his ſigning Mr. *William Harcourt* began a long Account, how he lately had received the two enclоſed Letters, one of them from St. *Omers*, which was ſigned by *Monfort*, *Warner*, and *Peters*, as I remember, and four more whoſe names I remember not at all. And this Letter did refer to another Letter from *Paris*, to the three Parties firſt named, and the ſame was ſigned from *Paris* by two names, whereof I think *Clifford* was one. This Letter did contain the Opinion and Advice of thoſe at *Paris*, upon a Letter which it ſeems had been firſt writ from *England* to St. *Omers*, and from St. *Omers* tranſmitted to them. The ſcope of which Advice was this, That by all means

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care ſhould be taken not to let any Arms appear, or any appear in Arms till after the Death of the KING, becauſe they had fully conſidered, that when any ſudden Death ſhould befall the KING, it might be eaſily laid to the Presbyterians, who had killed the late KING, and were ſtill Enemies to the KING and Government. Therefore they adviſed, that all ways ſhould be taken to give out and poſſeſs the People before-hand, that the Presbyterians were the only Enemies, ſo that when the KING ſhould be killed, thoſe of the Church of *ENGLAND* would preſently be incenſed, and take up Arms to Revenge it, and rather crave the Aid of the Catholicks, than be afraid of them: And therefore it was fit they ſhould be in a Readineſs to make the firſt Alarm, and give out, that all was done by the Presbyterians, and then by a little Aſſiſtance from abroad the Work would eaſily be compaſſed. This was the ſubſtance of the Letter from *Paris*: and they did further deſire to have the ſame ſent into *England*, with the Opinion of thoſe of St. *Omers* upon it; and thoſe of St. *Omers* did in their Letter much praiſe the Advice from *Paris*, adding nothing elſe of their own unto it, beſides Commendation, but paſſed unto other of ſmaller concerns, as, that one Mr. *Evers* ſhould call to one *Gerard* of *Lancaſhire*, and *Gerald* of *Hilderſon* for fifty pound due for teaching of their Children or Relations there, and ſuch like things.

Maſter *Harcourt* further added, that this Letter from Saint *Omers* being directed unto him, he had Communicated it, as alſo that from *Paris*, unto Maſter *Bedingfield*, and Maſter *Ireland*, and likewiſe to the Lord *Arundell*, Lord *Bellaſis*, Lord *Stafford*, and ſix or ſeven more whom I have forgot, by all whom it was highly commended as good Advice, and that

all ſhould endeavour upon any Differences in Parliament, or any other Diſorders, ſtill to give out, That it was thoſe Blood-ſucking, King-killing Presbyterians, that were the Authors of it.

That Maſter *Evers* did ſhew them the ſaid three Letters ſent from Maſter *Harcourt*, and then ſoon after, the ſame day, ſent them by the ſame Meſſenger *Carrington*, under a cover to Miſtreſs *Heveningham* at *Aſton*, to be ſhewn to her Husband, and to Sir *James Symonds* their Son-in-law, and to come back that night with the ſame Letters, as he did; for that I did ſee *Evers* ſhew them to the preſent Lord *Aſton* in the Parlour after Supper, his Lordſhip having been abroad before, and he believes them to be the ſame Letters he had ſeen in the morning: for the Meſſenger was then come back, and two of the Letters lay by on the Table, and the third they were reading by the fire. And I do verily believe they were the ſame Hands, and the ſame Letters, and the Meſſenger was there detained all Night, and made much of by Me, according to Order; and in the Morning Maſter *Evers* ſent him back with an Anſwer to Maſter *Vavaſor*, but Maſter *Evers* kept ſtill the Letters from Maſter *Harcourt*. And I did afterwards hear Maſter *Evers* and Maſter *Gavan* diſcourſe together touching the ſaid Letters, and in Commendation of the ſaid Advice; and they named ſeveral Friends in their diſcourſe that were engaged at *Paris*, whom I remember not. And Maſter *Evers* did tell me, that the Letters from Saint *Omers* were brought by a particular Gentleman into *England*, and from *London* to Maſter *Vavaſor* by ſome Friend, which I do the rather believe, for that I took notice, there was no Poſt-mark upon the ſaid Letter to Maſter *Vavaſor*.

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That about *February* 167$\frac{7}{8}$ there came a Letter to Mr. *Evers*, to acquaint him, from a Friend of his in *Paris*, that he had received a Letter from *Rome*, which did require the ſaid Mr. *Evers*, together with the ſaid *Cotton's* Company in *London*, with Mr. *Gavans*, Mr. *Peters*, and Mr *Vavaſor*; And accordingly Mr. *Evers* did come to *London*, and Mr. *Peters*, but whether the other two were there I know not. And when Mr. *Evers* came home, he told me, Mr. *Ireland* and Mr. *Symonds* would be in the Country the latter end of *June*, for conſidering the beſt way and means for carrying on the great Work, as it was called. And in *July* 1678. I received a Letter from Mr. *Evers*, which came from Sir *John Warners*, to acquaint him that all the Arms were ready that were beſpoke, and wanted now nothing but their Orders how they ſhould be diſpoſed of.

In *Auguſt* following a Meeting was appointed at the Lord *Aſton's* Houſe at *Tixall*, where was preſent the Lord *Aſton* himſelf, and my Lord *Stafford*, Sir *James Symonds*, Mr. *Dracott*, Mr. *Heveningham*, Mr. *Symonds*, Mr. *Ireland*, Mr. *Vavaſor*, Mr. *Gavan*, Mr. *Peter*, Mr. *Fitter*, Mr. *Fitzherbert*, and Mr. *Manley*, with ſeveral others; which Meeting was for carrying on the Plot, the Death of the KING, with ſeveral other things relating thereto. At that time it was Agreed, That the ſaid Lord *Aſton* and Sir *James Symonds* ſhould go beyond the Seas in the beginning of *October*, to diſpoſe of the Arms that were provided, but the Plot breaking out, their journey was ſtopt.

In *September* following my Lord *Stafford* ſent for me ſeveral times into his lodging Chamber at *Tixall*, where we had ſeveral private Conferences, amongſt which he told me, That Mr. *Evers* had com-

commended me to him, that I was true and truſty to any thing that I undertook, and that now was the time? That they ſtood in need of ſuch Men as I was: And that if I would I might make my ſelf happy; And if I would be one that would undertake to Kill the KING, he would give me Five Hundred Pounds for a preſent ſupply; which I faithfully promiſed I would do: And he told me I ſhould go up to *London* with him in *October*, and ſometimes I ſhould be at *Standon*, and ſometimes in *London*; And ſhould receive Inſtructions from Mr. *Harcourt*, Mr. *Ireland*, and himſelf. And going to Mr. *Evers* and acquainting him of it, he told me he knew of it before. I muſt renew my Oath of Secrecy, which I did do: And the Fourteenth of *October* I received a Letter from Mr. *Harcourt* for Mr. *Evers*; the Contents of which was, This night Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey* is diſpatcht. Sir, ſaid I to Mr. *Evers*, do you think that this will not deſtroy all our Deſigns? Sir ſaid I, if it do not deſtroy it I will be hang'd. Not ſo, ſaid *Evers*, be not ſo paſſionate, not ſo, for he was a man that did uſe to puniſh Lewd and Debaucht people; And it will rather be caſt on them, than any of us.

Another time I being in company with Mr. *Evers*, I preſſed of him, to know the reaſon why they ſhould Kill Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey*? He told me, That the Duke of YORK had ſent a Meſſage to *Coleman*, after he was taken, that he ſhould not Confeſs any thing: He returned the Duke an Anſwer back, That it had been his misfortune, to declare all that he knew of the Matter to Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey*; and he heard the ſaid Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey* would come in a Witneſs againſt him, in regard he had been ſo diligent in taking Examinations: The Duke returned him Anſwer back

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again, That bid him be ſure he did not Confeſs, and he ſhould not need to fear Sir *Edmundbury Godfrey*, and that there ſhould be care taken, or to that purpoſe. I ſaw a Letter from Mr. *Whitebread*, directed to Mr. *Evers*, but incloſed in *Groves* Letter to my ſelf, wherein was, That there was great hopes now, that things will go on well, if there be diligent care taken in the Management of it, which can never be, if it be communicated to every idle Fellow. Therefore be ſure you do not truſt any, but whom you have made tryal of: for if it ſhould be diſcovered, we both ruine our Deſign, and all concerned in it. For thoſe perſons which are for the People, no matter whether Gentlemen or not, ſo they be cunning, deſperate and truſty, which choice made here I fear not: for there hath been eſpecial care taken that no opportunity might be loſt; and what perſons you think fit, let me have your Anſwer next Week. Send to *Boſcobel*, and there will be a Meſſenger to bring them to me. I need not ſay much more to you, in regard you are fully acquainted with the buſineſs, and how it is to be carried on by Mr. *Ireland*. I hope you put the Gentlemen in mind, for the getting what Mony you can. Pray ſend me word by the next, how my Lady is. I think to be at St. *Omers* next week.

Thoſe Gentlemen that Subſcribed for carrying on this deſign about us in *Staffordſhire*, were as followeth, *(viz.)*

Sir *James Symonds* ſubſcribed	1000l
Mr. *Heveningham*	2000l
Mr. *Dracot*	3000l
Mr. *Gerrard*	500l
Mr. *Howard*	2000l

And as Maſter *Evers* told me, my Lord *Aſton* paid One thouſand pound for carrying on this Deſign to Maſter *Bedingfield*: and that what was paid was returned towards the diſcharging the Accounts of Arms, which were provided beyond the Seas, and every of the aforeſaid Gentlemen was to have a ſhare, and Offices appointed. But in all our Meetings it was never agreed, what their parts ſhould be, and the Noted'ſt Gentlemen of all thoſe was ever Sir *James Symonds*, being as they ſaid, a very active perſon, and one that would be found a well qualified perſon. But as far as I ever underſtood, their places were to be appointed here in *London* by ſome of thoſe Great Ones whom I have formerly mentioned; but there are ſeveral perſons names, beſides thoſe I have named, in that ſame Liſt; and there are other perſons that entred their Names beyond Seas, for this Note was only for Maſter *Evers* private uſe. And to that end Maſter *Evers* and Maſter *Cotton* were ſent to Saint *Omers* about two or three years ago, for the ſake of other perſons which were very fearfull, and ſome others paid their money to Maſter *Bedingfield*, Maſter *Ireland*, Maſter *Harcourt*: and Maſter *Evers* hath been appointed to receive Acquittances for them; which Acquittances I have ſeen come in Maſter *Evers* Letters,

Letters, one to Sir *James Symonds* at one time was for three hundred pound, which was noted in the Acquittance for a Charitable Uſe, but it was for the carrying on of this Wicked Deſign, or Maſter *Evers* told me not true. Moſt of the perſons about *Woolverhampton*, Maſter *Gaven* took care to receive of, and diſcharge them. I asked Maſter *Peter* how the reſt muſt be had, for theſe Gentlemen when they were all together, would be but a few. He Anſwered me, I need not fear, there was care taken for that, and ſuch a care, that at one hours warning they would be ready. But as he ſaid, they had formerly told, that none, except the Gentlemen, were ſo much as to tell one another, till the very time, of which I never enquired after that time, but I perceived that a great Number were knowing, by their fear when I was taken.

Stephen Dugdale.

FINIS.

VOTES of the House of COMMONS,

Martis 2 die Novemb. 1680.

A Bill for Prohibiting the Importation of Irish Cattle, &c. was read the first time.

Resolved,

That this Bill be read a second time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harnage* be brought to the Bar of this House to morrow morning at ten of the Clock, to Answer to the Misdemeanours by him Committed against Seignior *Francisco Ferria*, in breach of the Priviledges of this House, and that the said Seignior *Francisco* do then likewise attend this House.

Ordered,

That an humble Address be made to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesties Privy Council, to desire His Majesty that he would be pleased to grant His Gracious Pardon to Mr. *Dangerfield*, and that he would take Mr. *Dangerfield*, Mr. *Dugdale*, Mr. *Praunce* and Seignior *Francisco Ferria* into his Royal Care and Protection.

Sir *Francis Winnington* Chairman to the Committee appointed to inspect the Journals of the House of Lords of the Two last Parliaments, and to make a Report of their Lordships Proceedings entred in the said Journals, relating to the Horrid Popish Plot, acquaints the House that the Committee had perused the said Journals, and taken an Abstract thereout, which he reported to the House.

Ordered,

That the said Committee do perfect their Report of the Abstract taken out of the Journals of the Lords House, and do present the same in Writing to this House, together with a perfect Abstract of the Journals of the House of Commons of the Two last Parliaments, relating to the said Popish Plot.

Mr. *Trebr* having according to the Order of the House made yesterday, given information to the House, of all the matters by him Reported in the last Parliament, relating to the horrid Popish Plot,

Resolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That the Duke of *York* being a Papist, and the hopes of his coming such to the Crown, hath given the greatest Countenance and Encouragement to the present Designs and Conspiracies against the King and Protestant Religion.

Resolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That in Defence of the Kings Person and Government, and of the Protestant Religion, this House doth Declare, That they will stand by His Majesty with their Lives and Fortunes, and that if His Majesty shall come by any violent death (which God forbid) they will Revenge it to the utmost upon the Papists.

Resolved,

That a Bill be brought in to disable the Duke of *York* to Inherit the Imperial Crown of this Realm.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to prepare the Bill.

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,
Mercurii 3tio *die Novembris* 1680.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Mr. Juſtice *Wyndham*, and Mr. Baron *Atkins*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded us to acquaint you, that they have Paſſed a Bill, Entituled, *An Act for the better Regulating the Trials of the Peers of England*, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

An Engroſſed Bill ſent from the Lords, Entituled, *An Act for the better Regulating of the Trials of the Peers of England*, was Read the firſt time.

Reſolved,

That the Bill be Read a ſecond time on *Munday* Morning next, after Ten of the Clock.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to Prepare a Bill for Regulating Elections of Members to Serve in Parliament, do Preſent the ſaid Bill to the Houſe to morrow Morning.

Mr. *Harnage* being brought to the Bar, and Seignior *Franciſco Fervia* appearing, and juſtifying his Charge againſt him,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harnage* be continued in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, during the Pleaſure of the Houſe, for his Miſdemeanour in Breach of the Priviledges of this Houſe.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to Inſpect the Journals of the Two laſt Parliaments, relating to the Horrid Popiſh Plot, do look into, and make Report of the Impeachments Exhibited in the Two laſt Parliaments, againſt the Lords in

the Tower, and of the Proceedings thereupon. And the ſaid Committee is to enquire into, and Prepare Evidence againſt the ſaid Lords.

Reſolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That a Bill be brought in for the better Uniting of all His Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects.

Ordered,

That Sir *Tho. Wingrave*, Mr. *Birch* of *Stafford*, Apothecary, and Lieutenant *Ells*, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, to anſwer to the Charge given againſt them at the Bar of this Houſe by Mr. *Dugdale*.

Ordered,

That *Herbert Herring* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for his Notorious Breach of Priviledge, by him committed againſt Mr. *Colt*, a Member of this Houſe.

Ordered,

That *Jeremiah Bubb* be Summoned to appear at the Bar of this Houſe to morrow Morning at Ten of the Clock, to anſwer for the Breach of Priviledge by him committed againſt Mr. *Colt*, a Member of this Houſe.

A Bill for Prohibiting the Importation of *Iriſh* Cattel was Read a Second time.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill be Committed, with Inſtructions to the Committee to bring in a Clauſe to be added to the ſaid Bill, declaring, That where any *Iriſh* Cattel ſhall be found amongſt *Engliſh* Cattel, all the ſaid Cattel, as well *Engliſh* as *Iriſh*, ſhall be forfeited.

Ordered,

That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Exportation of Leather.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame.* Nov. 3. 1680. Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Jovis 4° die Novembris 1680.

A Bill for Exportation of Leather was Read the first time.

Resolved,

That this Bill be Read a second time after Ten of the Clock in a full House.

Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* acquaints the House, That His Majesty having been attended with the Address of this House, relating to Mr. *Dangerfield*, Mr. *Dugdale*, Mr. *Prance*, and Seignior *Francisco de Ferria*, His Majesty was pleased to return this Answer,

That for Mr. *Dangerfields* Pardon, He had given Order in Council to His Atturney-General, to Draw up, and cause to Pass a Pardon to Mr. *Dangerfield*, for all Treasons, and Misprisions of Treason, in Concealing the same, till he discovered the same to this House, according to the intent of His Majesties Royal Proclamation.

That as for an Allowance to Mr. *Dangerfield*, His Majesty will, at the Request of this House, consider of a Reasonable Allowance for him for some time.

That as to an Allowance to Mr. *Dugdale*, he hath already some Allowance made him, which His Majesty will continue.

That as to Mr. *Prance*, His Majesty will have some Consideration of him.

And as to Seignior *Francisco*, he hath an Allowance already granted him, at the Request of the House of Lords.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to Inspect the Act Entituled, *Trade Encouraged*, made in the Fifteenth Year of His Majesties Reign, and to bring in a Bill for Prohibiting of *Scotch* Cattel at certain Seasons.

A Bill for the further Encouragement of the Woollen Manufacture of *England*, by the general wearing thereof, was Read a second time, and Committed.

Mr. *Treby* Reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, That the said Committee having taken into Consideration the Matter to them referred, touching the Election and Return of Members to Serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of *New Windsor* in the County of *Berks*, had agreed upon Three Resolves, to be Reported to the House; which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same at the Clerks Table: And are as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved,

That in the Borough of *New Windſor*, thoſe Inhabitants onely who pay Scot and Lot, have right to give Voices in the Election of Burgeſſes to Serve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

Reſolved,

That *Richard Winwood* Eſq; is duly Choſen a Burgeſs to Serve in this preſent Parliament, for the Borough of *New Windſor*.

Reſolved,

That *Samuel Starkey* Eſq; is duly Choſen a Burgeſs to Serve in this preſent Parliament, for the Borough of *New Windſor*.

The ſaid Reſolves being Read to the Houſe, and the Queſtion being ſeverally put, Whether this Houſe ſhould agree with the ſaid Committee in the ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Reſolves:

It was Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Crown do Attend this Houſe on Saturday morning next, at Ten of the Clock, with the Return for the Borough of *New Windſor*; and that the Mayor for the ſame Borough do then likewiſe Attend and amend the ſaid Return, according to the Reſolves of this Houſe.

The Houſe taking notice that a Petition in the behalf of the City of *Rocheſter*, touching the Election of a Citizen to Serve in this preſent Parliamen for the ſaid City, was yeſterday Read, and referred to the Committee of Elections and Priviledges; And that the Houſe had before that time ordered Mr. Speaker to Iſſue out his Warrant for a new Writ, for the Electing of a Member to Serve for the ſaid City, in the room of Serjeant *Barrell* deceaſed, who was Returned one of the Citizens to Serve for the ſame City in this preſent Parliament; And Mr. Speaker acquainting the Houſe that he had not as yet Iſſued out his Warrant for the ſaid Writ:

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do forbear to Iſſue out his Warrant for ſuch Writ, until the Matters contained in the ſaid Petition be determined.

A Bill to Diſable *James* Duke of *York* to Inherit the Imperial Crown of *England* and *Ireland*, and the Dominions thereto belonging, was Read the firſt time.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill be Read a ſecond time on *Saturday* morning next at Ten of the Clock.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to Inſpect the Laws that are in being touching the Maintenance of the Poor; and to bring in a Bill or Bills for Regulating and Preventing the increaſe of the Poor in this Kingdom.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame.* Nov. 4. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,
Sabbati 6to die Novembris 1680.

THE Clerk of the Crown, and the Mayor of *New Windsor* being called in, did Amend the Return for the ſaid Borough, by taking off the Indenture whereby *John Cary* and *John Powney* Eſquires were Returned.

Ordered,

That the Thanks of this Houſe be given Dr. *Dove*, for his Sermon yeſterday Preached before this Houſe at St. *Margarets*, and that he be deſired to Print the ſame: And Mr. Speaker is deſired to acquaint him with the Deſire of the Houſe to Print his Sermon.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to Inſpect the Law concerning the Anniverſary Reading of the Nartative of the Gunpowder Plot, in Churches, on every Fifth day of *November*, and to Report the ſame to this Houſe.

Reſolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the Acts of Parliament made in the Reigns of Queen *Elizabeth* and King *James*, againſt Popiſh Recuſants, ought not to be extended againſt Proteſtant Diſſenters.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to Prepare and bring in a Bill for Repeal of all or any part of the Act of Parliament made in the Thirty fifth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, Chapter the Firſt,

Printed in the Statute Book of *Pulton*.

A Bill for Exporting of Cloth and other Woollen Manufactures into *Turkey*, was Read the first time.

Resolved,

That this Bill be Read a Second time.

Ordered,

That the Report of the Bill for Prohibiting the Importation of *Irish* Cattel, be made on *Munday* morning next.

Mr. *Jenniſon* being called in, gave his Information at the Bar, relating to the Horrid Popiſh Plot.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jenniſon* do put his Information in Writing, and preſent the ſame to the Houſe on *Munday* morning next.

A Bill to Diſable *James* Duke of *York* to Inherit the Imperial Crown of *England* and *Ireland*, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, was Read the Second time.

Reſolved,

That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That the Excluſion in the ſaid Bill, do extend to the Perſon of the Duke of *York* onely.

Reſolved,

That this Houſe do Reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe on *Munday* morning next at Ten of the Clock, to proceed to the Conſideration of the ſaid Bill.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame.* Nov. 6. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,
Lunæ 8vo die Novembris 1680.

A Petition of the *Turkey* Company was Read.

Ordered,

That the Petition be referred, upon the Debate of the House, to the Committee to whom the Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufacture, by the general Wearing thereof, is referred, to Examine the Matter of the said Petition, and to Report the same, with their Opinions therein, to this House: And the said Committee is impowered to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

A Petition of the Bailiffs and Burgesses of the Borough of *Poole*, in the County of *Montgomery*, touching the Election of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament, for the Shire-Town of *Montgomery*, was Read.

And a Debate arising in the House, Whether the said Petition be Exhibited within the time prefixed by the Orders of this House?

The Question being put, Whether the said Petition shall be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Elections and Priviledges? It Passed in the Negative.

Sir *John Trevor* Reports from the Committee to whom the Bill for Prohibiting the Importation of *Irish* Cattel was committed, several Amendments and Clauses Agreed by the said Committee, to be made and added to the said Bill; which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table; where the same being twice Read, they were, with some Amendments made at the Clerks Table, upon the question severally Agreed to.

Resolved, *&c.*

That the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses Agreed to, be Engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Joseph Paget* be sent for in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this House, to Answer for notorious Misdemeanours by him committed against the Priviledge of this House.

A Message from the Lords by Mr. Baron *Atkins*, and Mr. Baron *Gregory*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have commanded Us to acquaint you, That they desire a present Conference with this House in the Painted Chamber, to impart to this House several Examinations, relating to the Popish Plot in *Ireland*.

The Messengers being withdrawn,

Resolved,

That this House doth Agree to meet the Lords at a present Conference in the Painted Chamber, as is desired.

The Messengers being called in,

Mr. Speaker acquaints them, That the House had Agreed to meet the Lords at a present Conference, as desired.

Managers appointed to manage the said Conference.

Mr. *Hambden* Reports from the said Conference, That the same was managed by the Lord Privy Seal; And that his Lordship did then deliver to them several Examinations in Writing, relating to the Popish Plot in *Ireland*, contained in Seven several parcels of Paper, which he delivered in at the Clerks Table. And further Reported that his Lordship acquainted them, That all other Papers in the Custody of the Clerk, belonging to their House, relating to the Popish Plot, should be delivered to the Clerk of this House, he giving Acquittances for the same.

Ordered,

That the several Papers now delivered in at the Clerks Table, be Read to morrow Morning, at Ten of the Clock.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hebbrington* do attend this House to morrow Morning at Ten of the Clock, to give in his Information relating to the Horrid Popish Plot.

A Petition of Sir *Robert Cann* Knight and Baronet, now Prisoner in the Tower, was Read, whereby he acknowledged his Offence, and begs the Pardon of the House, and to be Released from his Imprisonment.

Ordered,

That Sir *Robert Cann* be Discharged from his Imprisonment, and that Mr. Speaker do issue out his Warrant for the doing thereof.

The House then Resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed in the Consideration of the Bill to Disable *James* Duke of *York* to Inherit the Imperial Crown of *England* and *Ireland*, and the Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging.

Mr Speaker left the Chair.

Sir *William Pulteney* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Sir *William Pulteney* humbly moved from the said Committee of the whole House, That the House would be pleased to Order the Serjeant at Arms, to go into the Hall, and the Court of Requests, and to require the immediate Attendance of such Members of the House as are of the long Robe, and all other the Members of the House. And that the House would then Resolve again into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed further in the Consideration of the said Bill.

Ordered,

That the Serjeant at Arms do go into the Hall, and the Court of Requests, and do require all the Members of the long Robe, and all other the Members of the Hous., to give their immediate Attendance on the Service of this House.

Resolved,

That this House do now Resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed further in the Consideration of the said Bill.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Sir *William Pulteney* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Sir *William Pulteney* Reports from the Committee of the whole House, That the said Committee had taken into Consideration the said Bill, and other the Matters to them referred, and had Agreed upon an Amendment to be made, and a Clause to be added to the said Bill; which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table, where the same were twice Read.

And upon the Question, severally Agreed to.

An Amendment being proposed to be made at the Table, in the said Bill, by filling up the Blanks in the 11th line of the 3d page of the said Bill, the first with the word, *Fifth*, the 2d. with the words, *November in the Year of our Lord God* 1680. was upon the Question Agreed to.

A Clause being tendered to be Added to the said Bill, and Read to the House, and several Amendments being made therein,

Resolved,

That the said Clause so Amended, be Added to the said Bill.

Resolved,

That the said Bill, with the said several Clauses and Amendments, be Engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jenniſon* do Attend this House to morrow morning at Ten of the Clock, with his Evidence in Writing.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print these* VOTES, *Perused and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* House of Commons; *And that no other Person presume to Print the same.* Nov. 8. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed by the Assigns of *John Bill*, *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, Printers to the Kings most Excellent Majesty. 1680.

I Appoint Thomas Newcomb, and Henry Hills, to Print this Information, According to the Order of the HOUSE of COMMONS; And that no other Person presume to Print the same. Novemb. 10. 1685.

WM WILLIAMS, Speaker.

I Appoint *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, to Print this Information, According to the Order of the HOUSE of COMMONS; And that no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame. *Novemb.* 10th 1680.

Wi WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

THE INFORMATION OF Robert Jenniſon

Of *GRAYS-INN*, Gent.

Delivered at the BAR of the HOUSE OF

COMMONS,

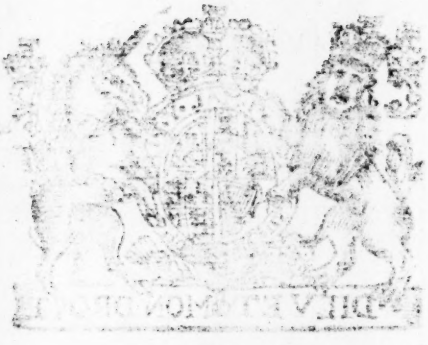
Tueſday the Ninth day of *November*,
In the Year of our Lord, 1680.

Peruſed and Signed to be Printed, According to the Order of the Houſe of Commons,

BY ME

William Williams, Speaker.

LONDON,
Printed by the Aſſigns of *John Bill*, *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty, 1680.



THE INFORMATION OF Robert Jenniſon OF *GRAYS-INN*, Gent.

THis Informant ſaith, That about the beginning of the Year 1678. he hath heard Mr. *Ireland*, and Mr. *Thomas Jenniſon*, both Jeſuits, Diſcourſe of a Deſign by the Roman Catholicks to obtain a Liberty, or a Toleration, for the open Profeſſion of their Religion here in *England*. And the way he then heard them ſpeak of, was, by Collecting a round Sum of Money among their Party, and by Bribing the greateſt part of the then Parliament. This Informant hath likewiſe heard the two forenamed Perſons talk of the ſecuring the Duke of *York's* Succeſſion, which they told this Informant was to be done by granting out Commiſſions to thoſe of that Religion, to the end they might be ready to Riſe, upon the Death of the King. He hath alſo heard thoſe, with other Jeſuits (*viz.*) *Blunden* and *Fenwick*, Diſcourſe in General Terms, of the Neceſſity and Uſefulneſs to their Party, of altering the Government Eſtabliſhed, and that the Roman Catholick Religion could never be ſettled in *England* till that were done, and that the preſent Government were brought to the French Model.

In the month of *June* in the ſame year, this Informant being at Mr. *Ireland's* Chamber in *Ruſſel-ſtreet*, *Covent-garden*, and there hapning ſome Diſcourſe, That the Roman Catholick Religion would ſuddenly come in, and be owned

in *England*, Mr. *Ireland* did then ſay, That there was only One in the way, that hindred that Religion from Flouriſhing in *England* again, and that it was an eaſie matter to Poyſon the King. That Sir *George Wakeman* might opportunely and eaſily do it: And this Informant then demanding if Sir *George Wakeman* was the King's Phyſician, Mr. *Ireland* did to that Queſtion reply, No, but that he was the Queen's, and thence might have an Opportunity to do it.

In *Auguſt* following, the ſame day this Informant came from *Windſor*, (which he hath reaſon to remember by very good Circumſtances) this Informant went to Mr. *Ireland's* Chamber, where he found him pulling off his Boots upon the Frame of a Table: Who told this Informant, He was newly come by Poſt from *Wolverhampton* in *Staffordſhire*, and that this Informant's Relations there were well, and would have been glad to have ſeen this Informant there: who after a return of Thanks, and ſome congratulation upon his arrival, told Mr. *Ireland* he was newly come from *Windſor*. The ſaid *Ireland* thereupon enquiring what News from thence, and of the diverſion of the Court; the Informant made anſwer, He underſtood that his Majeſty took much delight in Crow-hawking and Fiſhing, but chiefly in the latter, which he uſed to follow early in the Morning, accompanied with a ſmall Retinue of two or three. Mr. *Ireland* preſently replyed, He were eaſily taken off, or removed. To which this Informant returned and made anſwer, God forbid. After ſome Pauſe, No, ſays he, I do not ſay 'tis lawful. Here hapned this Interruption: This Informant then asked Mr. *Ireland*, ſeeing he was newly come out of *Staffordſhire*, what his Aunt ſaid concerning a Letter ſent to her about two Months before, relating to the ſame ſum, or thereabouts, which this Informant had had in the mean time of him. Mr. *Ireland* did then make anſwer, as from her, That ſhe did not think fit to anſwer it; and further, That the old Gentlewoman was hard enough, and would hold her own. After this he drew down a Diſcourſe concerning Religion, which was ſhortly to be brought in, and preſſed this Informant by divers Arguments to be inſtrumental in it, urging how Meritorous it would be, and how much to the Glory of God: and thereupon

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offered to cauſe the Twenty pound borrowed of him by this Informant, to be remitted, and forgiven him, if he would be Aſſiſting to the Taking off the King, and would be one of thoſe that would go to *Windſor* about it. But this Informant did anſwer, That he would not for Twenty times Twenty pound have any hand in the Death of the King. Whereupon the ſaid *Ireland* replyed, Will you do nothing to bring in the Catholick Religion? To which this Informant did ſay, That he did not believe it would ever come in by Blood. Upon which the ſaid *Ireland* replyed, What! would you not have Religion to Flouriſh in *England* again? Whereto this Informant anſwered, If it were done, if the King were taken off; ſo, and well; but this Informant ſaid he would have no hand in it. But the ſaid *William Ireland* not being ſatisfied with this Informant's Anſwers, purſued thus, Do you know any *Iriſh* men of our Religion, that are ſtout and couragious? This Informant replyed, The *Iriſh* Gentlemen were commonly ſo, and did name Captain *Levalin*, Mr. *Thomas Brahall*, Mr. *Karney*, three *Iriſh* men, and Mr. *James Wilſon*, being all Gentlemen that lived in or about *Grays-Inn*, of whoſe Names (two of them at the leaſt) the ſaid *Ireland* took particular notice in Writing, to the beſt of this Informant's remembrance. And this Informant did then tell the ſaid *Ireland*, That he believed no men of Eſtates would be concerned in that Affair, and that he himſelf was Heir to an Eſtate (his Brother being a Prieſt) and he underſtood that Captain *Levalin* was Heir to a very good Eſtate; and therefore this Informant did believe he would have nothing to do in any ſuch matter, unleſs the Pique which he had to the King might move him to it. And this Informant ſaith, That after he had, upon the importunity of *William Ireland*, named unto him Captain *Levalin*, Mr. *Karney*, Mr. *Brahall*, and Mr. *James Wilſon*, to be ſtout and couragious Gentlemen, the ſaid *William Ireland* did ask and require this Informant to go down with the ſaid Gentlemen to *Windſor*, to be aſſiſtant in the Taking off the King, which this Informant refuſed, ſaying, He would not have any hand in the Death of the King: ſaying, No men of Eſtates would engage therein, as this Informant believed. And the ſaid *William Ireland* did approve of the ſaid four perſons named as aforeſaid,

ſaid, by this Informant, as fit for the Deſign; and declared that he knew Mr. *Levalin*, and Mr. *Karney*, before this Informant had named them. By the which this Informant did apprehend that he might have communicated with them of the ſaid Deſign for *Windſor*, before the nomination aforeſaid. And he further ſaith, At the ſame time when he came from *Windſor*, Mr. *William Ireland* did ask this Informant for the Twenty pound lent unto this Informant upon Bond, although the ſame was not then due; and further ſaid, He wanted Fourſcore pounds, having then occaſion for that ſum, and this Informant did ſay, He would return what he owed him, aſſoon as he ſhould get into the North.

And this Informant further ſaith, That nigh two Months after the Muſtering the Forces upon *Hounſlow-Heath*, the aforenamed *Tho. Jenniſon* told this Informant, He had a matter of great Conſequence to impart unto him: adding, That there was a Deſign on Foot, ſo laid, as it could not well be diſcovered, wherein the greateſt Catholicks in *England* were Embarqued; That the Queen and the Duke were in the Deſign, and ſeveral Lords; by Name the Lord *Bellaſis*, the Lord *Powis*, the Lord *Arundel* of *Warder*; and the ſaid *Thomas Jenniſon* did ſay, That they had often attempted the Lord Treaſurer, and at the laſt had made him theirs: further ſaying, That it would be of great advantage to this Informant to Embarque with them, and that he could not be in greater danger than they: and that he would acquaint this Informant with more particulars after he had received the Sacrament of Secrecy, which he engaged this Informant to do upon the next Holiday, at Sir *Philip Tyrrwhits* houſe in *Bloomsbury*. But this Informant did not receive the Sacrament upon any account whatſoever about the Plot. And this Informant then wiſhing he had had a Commiſſion in the new Levies, the ſaid *Thomas Jenniſon* replyed, That he would get him a Commiſſion from the Duke of *York*; whereunto this Informant returning anſwer, How could that be, ſeeing all the Commiſſions are now granted out, and full? The ſaid *Thomas Jenniſon* did then in plain Words tell this Informant, That there was a new Army to be raiſed for to bring in Religion, but would acquaint this Informant with particulars hereafter, and therefore deſired to know of this Informant

formant how he might ſend him a Commiſſion with ſafety, he knowing this Informant intended ſuddenly to go into the Biſhoprick of *Durham:* and as this Informant remembers, this Commiſſion was not to be ſent until the Taking off the King was effected; whereat this Informant was ſurpriſed; but *Thomas Jenniſon* did ſay, He could tell him Things more at large, after his receiving the Sacrament of Secrecy. And this Informant further ſaith, That upon the day that this Informant received the Twenty pound lent unto him, he went with the ſaid *Thomas Jenniſon* to Mr. *William Harcourt's* Chamber in *Dukes-ſtreet*, to return Thanks for the Obligation in conſenting to lend the Money. Mr. *Thomas Jenniſon* falling upon that common Topick, that Religion would ſuddenly come in, he did expreſs himſelf as Dr. *Oates* hath it in his Narrative (*viz.*) If C. R. would not be R. C. he ſhould not long be C. R. which he interpreted, *Si Carolus Rex non eſſet Rex Catholicus, non foret diu Carolus Rex.*; which was not the firſt time this Informant heard that quibling expreſſion from the ſaid *Thomas Jenniſon*, who further then added upon Diſcourſe, That the King being Excommunicated, and Depoſed; he was no longer King, and it were no ſin, or no great ſin at leaſt, to Take him off; and if it ſhould be diſcovered who did it, perhaps two or three might die for it, bot denying the Fact. This Informant ſuppoſes his meaning to have been, denying themſelves to be Papiſts that committed ſo Barbarous and Villanous a Fact, the Matter would ſoon blow over (becauſe the Duke was to Succeed.) And this Informant further ſaith, Being with the ſaid *Thomas Jenniſon* and another Gentleman about the latter end of *April*, or beginning of *May* 1678. (whoſe name he remembreth not) in the aforeſaid *Ireland's* Chamber, there came one in, who after ſome private diſcourſe with Mr. *Ireland* departed; and after he was gone, the ſaid *Thomas Jenniſon* told this Informant 'twas one Mr. *Oates*, who had been a Parſon, but was come over to them, and that he was a brisk jolly Man, well worth this Informant's acquaintance. And this Informant very well remembers, there hapning ſome time after, a Diſcourſe about the ſaid Parſon that was lately come over, the ſaid *Thomas Jenniſon* did ſay, That that Parſon was engaged in the Deſign;

whereto this Informant objected, That a reconciled Enemy ought no more to be Truſted, than an open Foe. But the ſaid *Thomas Jenniſon* anſwered, They were ſure enough of him, and that being once reconciled, they were the more zealous and truſty; to which opinion this Informant ſubmitted, inſtancing Dr. *Godwin*, and Dr. *Bayley*, as being zealous Catholicks, although they were Proteſtant Converts.

And this Informant further ſaith, That he was in *Shinfield* Pariſh near *Reading* in *Berks*, about the time of *Coleman*'s Trial, where he met with Mr. *Cuffell*, a Romiſh Prieſt and Jeſuit, who then much blamed the ſaid *Coleman*, ſaying, He was infatuated to ſuffer his own Papers to be taken upon the Diſcovery of the Plot, when as he had given Notice to Mr. *Harcourt*, Mr. *Ireland*, and the reſt of the Jeſuits, to Burn or Secure theirs. And he very well remembers, That amongſt other Diſcourſe, this Informant ſpoke againſt the Opinion that *Bellarmine*, *Mariana*, and *Suarez* maintained, touching the Power of the Pope, to Depoſe Kings; upon which the ſaid *Cuffel* mentioned a Sentence, which, he ſaid, *Bellarmine* did draw out of the Scripture for that Opinion, which was, *Quod Papa habeat eandem poteſtatem ſuper Reges, quam Jehojada habuit ſuper Athaliam.* And this Informant further ſaith, That Madam *Hall*, his Siſter, being preſent at the ſaid *Cuffel*'s other Diſcourſe, concerning *Coleman*'s infatuation, in ſending Notice, as before, &c. upon this Informants reflecting in the abſence of *Cuffell*, *viz.* That by his ſide-words he ſeemed manifeſtly to own a Plot, his Siſter did then ſay, She very much feared That they had ſome Bloody Deſign, for that ſhe had heard the ſaid *Cuffell*, ſome little time before the breaking out of the Plot, upon a Diſcourſe, That Religion would ſhortly come into *England*, ſay theſe Words, *viz.* There muſt be ſome blood ſhed, before Religion cou'd be introduced; but ſhe told him, She did not believe it ought to come in that way.

This Informant further ſaith, That uſually viſiting Madam *Harewell*, his Aunt, and her Daughter, at their Lodgings in *Kings-ſtreet Covent-Garden*, at the leaſt three or four times a Week, which was, as this Informant certainly remembers, before the Trial of the five Jeſuits Executed for the Execrable Plot, he had the opportunity of Seeing, Reading, and Tranſcribing ſeveral Papers and Letters from his Brother

Mr.

Mr. *Thomas Jenniſon*, all tending to invalidate Mr. *Oates* his Teſtimony, the particular Way he uſed doth not occur to his Memory. But this Informant remembers he told Madam *Harewell* and her Daughter, That he thought thoſe Arguments would do his ſaid Brother but little good for his Defence, unleſs he had better behind; but there were Two Paſſages in the ſaid Papers or Letters, ſome whereof were Subſcribed to one Dr. —— or Sir —— wherein the ſaid *Thomas Jenniſon* thus Expreſſed himſelf, *Why are our Friends diſguſted? I will not ſtir one hairs breadth.* By which Expreſſion, this Informant did believe, That ſome of the Plotters were Afraid and Jealous leſt the ſaid *Thomas Jenniſon* ſhould Detect their Plot, and therefore by thoſe Words he aſſured them, that he would not recede one hairs breadth from his Reſolution of Secrecy. And this Informant ſaith, That he then communicating his ſaid Reflection and Obſervation to the ſaid Ladies, they were at a ſtand, not knowing how to excuſe his Meaning. The ſecond Paſſage was, about what the ſaid *Thomas Jenniſon* ſuppoſed himſelf to have ſpoke to the Lady *Tyrrwhit*, upon his being Apprehended at her Lodgings in *Bloomsbury*, whereof he ſeemed very ſolicitous to be aſcertained, in the aforementioned Papers, and that by ſome cunning third hand. *For, I believe*, ſaid he, *I ſaid, I did not know Mr.* Oates; by which this Informant perceived his Meaning to be, That if he had then, *viz.* upon his Apprehenſion, denied his Knowledge of Mr. *Oates* to the Lady *Tyrrwhit* (who by the way was his Proſelyte) he was reſolved to perſiſt in the ſaid Denial to the laſt; though on the other hand this Informant doth certainly know the ſaid *Thomas Jenniſon* was well acquainted with the ſaid Mr. *Oates*, as appeared by Two remarkable Inſtances in the former Depoſitions of this Informant.

This Informant likewiſe ſaith, That Mrs. *Ann Ireland* coming to this Informant's Chamber to Chide him, for that ſhe heard he was about to Diſcover ſome Matters touching the Plot: She, to diſſuade him, haſtily ſaid, On my Conſcience I think you'll bring your ſelf into the Plot, and by your Diſcovery will own, That there was a Plot, and, That you was Engaged in it, and ſo Diſgrace your ſelf; though ſhe probably knew this Informant was no further con-

concerned, than in what was imparted in that Diſcourſe he had with her Brother (ſhe being then preſent) after this Informant's arrival from *Windſor*. And Mrs. *Ann Ireland* further ſaid then, That this Informant was worſe than Dr. *Oates*; for that Doctor *Oates* did follow the Plot, and make an early Diſcovery; but, that this Informant came in too late. To which this Informant replied, That what he had to ſay, he remembred from the very firſt Diſcovery, and before, or at the leaſt within three or four Months of the Breaking out of the Diſcovery of the Plot: and that he would not offer to Depoſe any thing upon Oath, but what he could certainly charge his Memory with, and ſo bid her not trouble her ſelf.

This Informant alſo very well remembers, That about the latter end of *September*, or the beginning of *October*, 1678. when he was at his Father's Houſe in the Biſhoprick of *Durham*, Mr. *Ralph Jenniſon*, a Jeſuit, came to ſee this Informant; who before they parted, asked the ſaid Mr. *Ralph Jenniſon*, how he might conveniently ſend Twenty pound to Mr. *Ireland*, which this Informant ſaid he did owe to him. Mr. *Ralph Jenniſon* replied (which Directions this Informant did then take in a little Journal) You may ſend a Letter with your Bill to Mr. *Ireland*, and Encloſe them in another Letter to Mr. *Oates*, at his Lodgings at Mr. *Grigſons* in *Drury-lane*, and your Letter or Moneys will come ſafe that way to Mr *Ireland*.

Jurat. nono die Novembris,
coram nobis,

Robert Jenniſon.

William Pulteney.

Thomas Stringer.

I Appoint *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, to Print this Examination, Narrative and Letter; Peruſed and Signed by me, According to the Order of the HOUSE OF COMMONS; And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.

Wi WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

THE

EXAMINATION

OF

Captain *William Bedlow* Deceaſed,

Relating to

The Popiſh Plot,

Taken in his laſt Sickneſs, by

Sir *FRANCIS NORTH*,

Chief Juſtice of the Court of *Common Pleas.*

Together with the Narrative of Sir *Francis North*, at the Council Board: And the Letter of Sir *Francis North*, to Mr. Secretary *JENKINS*, Relating to this EXAMINATION.

Peruſed and Signed to be Printed, According to the Order of the Houſe of Commons,

BY ME

William Williams, Speaker.

LONDON,
Printed by the Aſſigns of *John Bill*, *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty, 1680.

EXAMINATION

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OF

Capt. *WILLIAM BEDLOW*,

Taken upon Oath before the

Lord Chief Justice NORTH,

AT

BRISTOL,

On *Monday* the 16th of *August*. 1680.

THE Examinant saith, That the Duke of *York* hath bin so far engaged in the Plot, as he hath seen by Letters in Cardinal *Barbarini's* Secretaries Study, that no part that hath bin proved against any man already, that hath suffered, but that to the full those Letters have made him guilty of it; all but what

tended to the Kings Death. And at *Rome* I asked Father *Anderton*, and Father *Lodge*, two Jeſuits, What would the Duke do with his Brother when he was King? And they anſwered me, They would find a means for that: they would give him no trouble about it. Then I told them, I believed the Duke loved his Brother ſo well, he would ſuffer no Violence to be done to Him. They ſaid, No: If the Duke could be brought to that, as he had bin Religiouſly to every thing elſe, they might do their work: their other buſineſs was ready; and they might do it preſently. But they knew they could not bring him to that Point: but they would take care for that themſelves. They had not begun with him, to leave him in ſuch ſcruples as that. But they would ſet him into his Throne; and there he ſhould Reign blindfold three or four days: for they had ſettled ſome they ſhould pitch the Action upon, ſhould clear their Party. And then he ſhould flie upon them with the Sword of Revenge.

And this Examinant doth further add, That the Queen is not, to this Examinants

nants knowledge, nor by any thing that he could ever find out, any way concerned in the Murder of the King: but barely by Her Letters consenting and promising to Contribute what Money she could to the Introducing the Catholick Religion. Nay, 'twas a great while, and it made Her weep, before she could be brought to that.

William Bedlow.

Jurat. 16. *die* Aug. 1680.

Coram me,
Fra. North.

THE

THE NARRATIVE OF Sir *FRANCIS NORTH* Lord Chief Justice OF THE COMMON-PLEAS, At the *COUNCIL BOARD*.

AT my first coming to Mr. *Rumseys* house, where I was to Lodge at *Bristol*, upon *Munday* the 16th day of *August* in the Afternoon, being the First day of the Assises, Sir *John Knight* came to me, and said, That Mr. *Bedlow* lay dangerously ill of a Feaver, and had little hopes of Life; and desired that I would give him a Visit, that he might Impart something of great Consequence to me before his Death. I told him,

him I would give him a Viſit that night after Supper, about Nine a Clock, if I might be ſatisfied of two things: Firſt, That there was no Infection in his Diſtemper: Secondly, That the time would not be inconvenient, but he might Diſcourſe to me without prejudice to his Condition. After a little while, two Phyſicians came to me, and aſſured me, that there was no danger of Infection, and that the time I had appointed would be moſt proper; for commonly he took his repoſe in the Afternoon, and at Nine a Clock he would in all probability be refreſhed, and fit to Diſcourſe with me. Thereupon I declared my Reſolution of going, and deſired the Company of the Two Sheriffs, and my brother *Roger North*, and appointed my Marſhal *William Janes* to go with me. As we were upon the way, Mr. *Croſsman*, a Miniſter in that City, told me Mr. *Bedlow* had deſired him to come with me to him: I ſaid, It was very well, and I ſhould be glad of his Company. Whereupon we went all together; and being come into the Room where Mr. *Bedlow* lay, I ſaluted him, and ſaid, I was extreme ſorry to find him ſo ill. I

came to Viſit him upon his own deſires. I did imagine he had ſomething to impart to me as a Privy-Councellor; and therefore if he thought fit, the Company might withdraw. He told me, That needed not yet, for he had much to ſay, which was proper for the Company to hear: And having ſaluted the Sheriffs, and Mr. *Croſsman*, he diſcourſed to this purpoſe.

That he looked upon himſelf as a dying man, and found within himſelf that he could not laſt long, but muſt ſhortly appear before the Lord of Hoſts, to give an account of all his Actions. And becauſe many Perſons had made it their buſineſs to baffle and deride the Plot, he did, for the ſatisfaction of the World, there declare upon the Faith of a dying Man, and as he hoped for Salvation, That whatever he had Teſtified concerning the Plot, was True. And that he had wronged no Man by his Teſtimony, but had Teſtified rather under than over what was Truth. That he had nothing lay upon his Conſcience upon that Account. That he ſhould appear cheerfully before the Lord of Hoſts: which he did verily believe he muſt

muſt do in a ſhort time. He ſaid, He had many Witneſſes to produce, who would make the Plot as clear as the Sun: and he had other things to Diſcover, which were of great Importance to the King, and the Countrey. Hereupon he making ſome pauſe, I told him, The Plot was ſo evidently made out, that no reaſonable man, no Proteſtant, I was ſure, could doubt of the Truth of it: But he ought not to have Concealed any thing that concerned the King ſo highly. He ought to Diſcover his whole knowledge in matters of Treaſon, that Traitors may be Apprehended and Secured; who otherwiſe may have opportunity to Execute their Treaſonable Deſigns. To this he replied, That much of that which he had not Diſcovered was to Corroborate his former Teſtimony: That he had Concealed nothing that was abſolutely neceſſary to the Kings Preſervation. That he thought it not fit to Accuſe more Perſons, till he had ended with thoſe whom he had already Accuſed. He expreſſed great grief and trouble at the Condition of his poor King and Countrey (ſo he termed them) whom he knew at that time to be

be in Eminent danger from the Jeſuits, who had Reſolved the Kings Death: and he was ſure they would ſpare him no longer then he continued to be kind to them. He ſaid, He was privy to their Conſultations at *Salamanca* and *Valladolid*, where they uſed to obſerve the favourable Conjuncture they had to Introduce their Religion into *England*: which conſiſted in their having a Head, who muſt be ſet up whatever came of it: and, If they let ſlip that opportunity, they ſhould never have ſuch another: For without a Head they could do nothing. He ſaid further, He knew the Wickedneſs and Reſolution of the Jeſuits: they ſtuck at nothing to compaſs their own ends. They had attempted to Poiſon him, but he had eſcaped.

When he had finiſhed this Diſcourſe, (which laſted about a quarter of an hour) I asked him, If the Company ſhould now withdraw? And he ſaid, Yes: and Ordered his Nurſes to go out, and only his Wife to ſtay to tend him. And thereupon all went out, ſaving Mrs. *Bedlow*, my ſelf, and my ſervant *William Janes*. Then I told him, I thought it convenient that what he ſhould then

ſay

ſay unto me, ſhould be upon Oath. He replied, That it was neceſſary it ſhould be ſo: and called for a Bible. But my Servant having brought a Book with him, Adminiſtred the Oath to him; and laying his Paper upon a Chair by the Bedſide, wrote down his Depoſition as he delivered it.

When Mr. *Bedlow* had concluded, and ſaid, That was all he had to inform me of, I took the Paper, and Read it over diſtinctly to him, and he approved it, and Signed it, laying the Paper upon a Pillow.

I thought it not fit, conſidering his Condition, to perplex him with Queſtions, but took his Information as he offered it, and held no Diſcourſe with him when the Company was withdrawn, but concerning the true ſetting down his Depoſitions: and when he ſeemed to be weary, to mind him of taking Cordials, which his Wife reached to him as he deſired them.

The next day Mr *Bedlows* Brother came to me, and told me that his Brother deſired a Copy of the Depoſition he made before me. But I told him, I had well conſidered it, and could not

give him a Copy without the Kings leave. But I would move the King in it: and if He gave leave, I would take care to send one to him. And Mr *Bedlows* Brother then told me, That it was his Brothers desire that I should represent to His Majesty his Condition; and that his Sickness was very Chargeable: and move His Majesty on his behalf for some Supply of money for his Subsistence; which I promised to do.

This is all that I can recollect of what passed upon this Occasion, and is in Substance true: but the very Words, or the Order, I cannot positively remember.

FRA. NORTH.

To

To the Right Honourable

Sir LYONELL JENKINS,

One of His Majesties Principal

SECRETARIES of STATE.

Sir,

I *Always intended to Write from hence, to pay my thanks for the whole Circuit, which was much more pleasant, by your favour of holding Correspondence with me. But now I have business of some Importance: For as soon as I came to this City, I received a Message from Mr.* Bedlow, *by Sir* John Knight, *That he being very ill, and in the judgment of Physicians in great danger of Death, had some business of great moment to impart to me. I knowing the Man, and the season, would not refuse the pains to give him a Visit: and being satisfied by Physicians that there was no Contagious quality in his Distemper, (though I did not much fear it) I went well accompanied; and in the presence of the Company he Declared, That whatever he had said relating to the* Plot, *was True. And he being a dying Man, had nothing lay upon his Conscience upon that score. The greatest trouble he had, was the danger the* KING *(whom he loved above all things) was in from the* Papists *at this time: who would attempt His Life as soon as ever he should cease to be kind to them: and many other Expressions of this kind. After this I asked if he had any thing to impart to me in private. He told me, He had: And having made the Company withdraw, all but my Clerk, I*

took

took the incloſed Examination upon Oath; you may imagine I was not curious to perplex him with Queſtions. I took it juſt as he delivered it. Of what ſignification it will be, I leave to wiſer Men. I think my duty is to ſend it to you, that you may Inform His Majeſty of the Truth. I ſhall wait upon you at Windſor *upon Sunday next, to receive your further Commands.*

Your moſt humble and
faithful Servant,
FRA. NORTH.

Ten at Night. The Copy incloſed is haſtily and ill Taken. I ſhall bring the Original with me.

FINIS.

VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,
Martis 9° die Novembris 1680.

Ordered,

THat all Committees that are diſcontinued, be revived, and do meet at Three of the Clock this Afternoon, in the reſpective Places formerly appointed.

A Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the Company of Silk-Throwers *London*, was Read.

Ordered,

That this Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee to whom e Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufacture, by the gene- Wearing thereof, is committed, to Examine the Matter thereof, and Report e ſame, with their Opinions therein, to this Houſe.

A Petition of the Bailiffs, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the Company of Silk-eavers *London*, was Read;

And the Queſtion being put, Whether the ſaid Petition ſhould be referred to e Conſideration of the Committee to whom the Bill for the better Encourage-ent of the Woollen Manufacture, by the general Wearing thereof, ſtands ommitted?

It Paſſed, after a long Debate, in the Negative.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Grand Com-ittee for Trade, and they are to proceed upon the ſame in the firſt place. And ey are then likewiſe to conſider of the preſent State of the *Eaſt-India* Com-ny, and to Report the ſame, with their opinions therein, to the Houſe.

Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* acquaints the Houſe, that he had a Meſſage to deliver om His Majeſty to this Houſe: And the ſame being by him delivered in Wri-g to Mr. Speaker, was Read to the Houſe by Mr. Speaker, and is as followeth.

CHARLES R.

HIs Majeſty deſires this Houſe, as well for the ſatisfaction of His People, as of Himſelf, to Expedite ſuch Matters as are depending before them, relating Popery, and the Plot; and would have them reſt aſſured, That all Remedies ey can tender to His Majeſty, conducing to thoſe Ends, ſhall be very accepta-e to Him; Provided they be ſuch as may conſiſt with preſerving the Succeſſion the Crown in its due and legal courſe of Deſcent.

Mr. *Hampden* acquaints the Houſe, That in the Entry made in the Journal this Houſe, of the Report by him yeſterday made from the Conference had ith the Lords, it appears, that in that part of his Report which relates to the elivery of ſuch Papers relating to the Plot, to the Clerk of this Houſe, there is omiſſion of theſe words, (*Received from the Clerks of the Council.*)

Ordered,

That the ſaid Words be added in the Entry of the ſaid Report in the Journal.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Richard Janeway* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms at-nding this Houſe, to Anſwer at the Bar of this Houſe, for the Breach of Privi-dge by him committed againſt Sir *Edward Deering*, a Member of this Houſe.

Mr. *Turbervill* being called in, gave Information at the Bar of this Houſe, of e Horrid Popiſh Plot, and delivered the ſame in in Writing.

Mr. *Jennison* being called in, delivered his Information formerly given at t
Bar of this Houſe, in Writing.

Mr. *Dangerfield* being called in, acquainted the Houſe, that he was advi
That the Pardon now granted to him by His Majeſty, is in ſome particulars d
fective. And humbly deſired this Houſe to repreſent the ſame to His Majeſty

Ordered,

That an humble Application be made to His Majeſty from this Houſe,
ſuch of the Members of this Houſe as are of His Majeſties moſt Honoura
Privy Council, deſiring His Majeſty to grant to Mr. *Dangerfield* a full and gene
Pardon of all Treaſons, Miſpriſions of Treaſon, Felonies, and other Crimes a
Miſdemeanours, and particular Crimes to be ſpecified, by him committed, to
time of his laſt Diſcovery made to this Houſe, of the Popiſh Plot.

And that His Majeſty would in like manner be Graciouſly pleaſed to gra
to Mr. *Edw. Turbervill*, who hath this day given Evidence at the Bar of t
Houſe, relating to the Horrid Popiſh Plot, a full and General Pardon; And t
His Majeſty would be pleaſed to take him into His Royal Protection and C
and grant him ſome Allowance for his Subſiſtence.

Ordered,

That all the Informations already given in at the Bar of this Houſe in Writ
relating to the Popiſh Plot, be Entred upon the Journal of this Houſe. And t
all the ſaid Informations be Printed, being firſt Peruſed and Signed by Mr. Spea
and that Mr. Speaker Nominate and Appoint the Perſons to Print the ſame. A
that Mr. *Dangerfield* have the Benefit of the Printing of his ſaid Information.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to Conſider of means to preſerve the E
dence of Mr. *Bedlow*, and others, that have, or ſhall give Evidence relating
the Popiſh Plot.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to Inſpect the Journals of the Two laſt Par
ments, and to make a Report of their Proceedings, as well relating to the
piſh Plot, as of the Impeachment againſt the Lords in the Tower, do pre
their Reports to the Houſe on Thurſday morning next, in Writing.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Treby* do on Thurſday Morning next preſent to the Houſe in W
ting, the Information by him lately given to this Houſe, of the Matters by
Reported in the laſt Parliament, relating to the Horrid Popiſh Plot.

Ordered,

That *Joſeph Thompſon* Clerk, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at A
attending this Houſe, to Anſwer at the Bar of this Houſe, for his high Mi
meanour againſt the Priviledge of this Houſe.

The Information of Mr. *Murphy*, relating to the Popiſh Plot in *Ireland*, b
Read,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hethrington* do Attend this Houſe to morrow morning at Te
the Clock, to give his Evidence relating to the ſaid Plot.

Ordered,

That the reſt of the Papers relating to the Popiſh Plot in *Ireland*, now in
Hands of the Clerk of this Houſe, be Read to morrow Morning.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Per
and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And
no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame.* Nov. 9. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed by the Aſſigns of *John Bill*, *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry H*
Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty. 1680.

I Appoint *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, to Print this Information, According to the Order of the HOUSE of COMMONS; And that no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame. *Novemb.* 10th. 1680.

Wi WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

THE INFORMATION OF Edward Turbervill *Of SKERR in the County of* GLAMORGAN, Gent.

Delivered at the BAR of the *HOUSE of COMMONS*,

Tueſday the Ninth day of *November*,
In the Year of our Lord. 1680.

Peruſed and Signed to be Printed, according to the Order of the Houſe of Commons,

By me WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

LONDON,
Printed by the Aſſigns of *John Bill*, *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty. 1680.

THE INFORMATION OF Edw. Turbervill

Of SKERR in the County OF GLAMORGAN, Gent.

WHo ſaith, That being a younger Brother, about the year 1673. he became Gentleman Uſher to the Lady *Mary Molineux*, Daughter to the Earl of *Powis*; and by that means lived in the Houſe of the ſaid Earl about three years: and by ſerving and aſſiſting at Maſs there, grew intimate with *William Morgan* Confeſſor to the ſaid Earl and his Family: who was a Jeſuit, and

Rector over all the Jeſuits in North-*Wales*, *Shropſhire*, and *Staffordſhire*. And he during the three years time often heard the ſaid *Morgan* tell the ſaid Earl and his Lady, That the King was in a high Feaver, and that nothing but Bloud-letting could reſtore it to Health; and then the Catholick Religion would flouriſh. Whereunto the ſaid Earl many times replied, It was not yet time; but he doubted not but ſuch means ſhould be uſed in due time, or words to that effect. And he heard the Lady *Powis* tell the ſaid *Morgan* and others publickly and privately, That when Religion ſhould be Reſtored in *England* (which ſhe doubted not but would be in a very ſhort time) ſhe would perſwade her Husband to give Three hundred pound *per annum* for a Foundation to maintain a Nunnery. And this Informant was perſwaded by the Lady *Powis* and the ſaid *Morgan*, to become a Fryer; the ſaid Lady encouraging this Informant thereunto, by ſaying, That if he would follow his Studies, and make himſelf capable, ſhe queſtioned not but he might ſhortly be made

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French Service; and ſo avoided the Lord *Staffords* further importunities in that Affair. And this Informant further ſaith, That one *Remige* a French Woman, and vehement Papiſt, who married this Informants Brother, lived with the Lady *Powis* all the time this Informant reſided there, and ſome years ſince; and was the great Confident of the ſaid Lady. And the ſaid *Remige* was for the moſt part taken with her Ladyſhip into *Morgans* chamber, when the Conſults were held there; where he hath often ſeen Father *Gavan*, Father *Towers*, Father *Evans*, Father *Sylliard*, *Roberts*, *White*, *Owens*, *Parry*, and the Earl of *Caſtlemain*, and other Prieſts and Jeſuits meet, and ſhut themſelves up in the ſaid *Morgans* chamber, ſometimes for an hour, ſometimes for two hours, more or leſs; and at the breaking up of the ſaid Conſults, have broke out into an Extaſie of joy, ſaying, They hoped ere long the Catholick Religion would be eſtabliſhed in *England*: and that they did not doubt to bring about their Deſign, notwithſtanding they had met with one great

great Diſappointment; which was, the Peace ſtruck up with *Holland*: ſaying, That if the Army at *Black-Heath* had been ſent into *Holland* to aſſiſt the French King, when he was with his Army near *Amſterdam*, *Holland* had certainly been Conquered; and then the French King would have been able to aſſiſt us with an Army, to Eſtabliſh Religion in *England*. Which expreſſions, with many others, importing their confidence to ſet up the Romiſh Religion, they frequently communicated to this Informant. And the ſaid *Morgan* went ſeveral times into *Ireland*, to *London*, and ſeveral other parts of *England*, as this Informant hath juſt Cauſe to believe, to give and take Meaſures for carrying on the Deſign. And the ſaid *Remige* and her Husband, having firſt Clandeſtinely ſold their Eſtate, are fled into *France*, about *May* or *June* laſt, for fear of Diſcovery: This Informant by many Circumſtances being aſſured, that the ſaid Miſtreſs *Remige* was privy to all or moſt of the Tranſactions of the Plot. And he

ſaith, That about *May* laſt was two years, he was preſent at Maſs with the Lord *Powis* in *Vere ſtreet*, when the Earl of *Caſtlemain* did ſay Maſs in his Prieſtly Habit, after the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of *Rome*.

Edward Turbervill.

Sworn the Ninth day of *November* 1680.

Before *Thomas Stringer*,

William Pulteney,

Edmond Warcupp.

FINIS.

I Appoint *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, to Print this Information, According to the Order of the HOUSE OF COMMONS; And that no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame. *Novemb.* 10th 1680.

Wi WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

THE INFORMATION OF Franciſco de Faria,

Delivered at the BAR of the HOUSE OF *COMMONS*,

Munday the Firſt day of *November*, in the year of our Lord, 1680.

Peruſed and Signed to be Printed, according to the Order of the Houſe of Commons,

BY ME

William Williams, Speaker.

LONDON,
Printed by the Aſſigns of *John Bill*, *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty, 1680.

THE

INFORMATION

OF

FRANCISCO de FARIA,

Born in America, *Son of* John de Faria *a Jew, of St.* Giles *in the Fields Gent. Taken upon Oath before Me* Edmund Warcupp *Esq; one of His Majesties Justices of the Peace in the said County and City, in presence of* John Arnold *Esquire, by Command of the Right Honorable the Lords Committees, for Discovery of the late Popish Plot. 26.* Octob. 1680.

THis Informant saith, That, being a Limner in *Antwerp* in *Flanders*, in the year 1675. by the persuasion of Three of the Sisters of Sir *George Wakeman*, then in the Nunnery of Sta. *Teresia*, and of Father *Worsely* a Jesuit, he became a *Roman Catholick*, and often Communicated at his hand. And the said *Worsely* then persuaded this Informant to come into *England*, and he would make this Informant happy, and then gave this Informant 35 Pistols in Gold, to bear this Informant's charges for *England*. But this Informant did not immediately follow him to *England*,

but took up Arms, and was a Captain Lievtenant under Colonel *Montgomery*, in the Prince of *Orange*'s Service, where he practiſed to make and throw hand-Granadoes, and grew to ſome note for that Service; and in the year 1678, this Informant being in *England*, and well verſed in Seven or Eight Languages was preferred to be Interpreter and Secretary of Languages to *Gaſpar Abrew de Freitas* Ambaſſador in ordinary from the Prince of *Portugal* to the King of *England*. To which Ambaſſador this Informant had been known for many years before, and the ſaid Ambaſſador among other things, acquainted this Informant, that *Don Franciſco de Melos* the late Ambaſſador that died here was much out of favour with the Prince of *Portugal*, for that he had indiſcreetly puſhed on, the Promotion of the Catholick Religion before a due time, and had cauſed ſeveral Popiſh Books to be Printed in *Engliſh*, which had given too great alarm, with many other things relating to the Popiſh Religion, which he greatly condemned him for; And the ſaid Ambaſſador, to indear this Informant, did often give him Money and intruſted him in Affairs of the greateſt Moment, and carried this Informant with him, to all or moſt of the great Miniſters of State in *England*, uſing him for his Interpreter; and employed this Informant to reſort to ſeveral Perſons for an account of the Orders and Paſſages in the Kings Council, of all which the ſaid Ambaſſador uſually had an account within an hour after the riſing of the Council, or any Committees. And the ſaid Ambaſſador, much about the time of the Trial of the Five Jeſuits, expreſſing a great ſorrow, for the oppreſſion of the Catholicks,

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did wiſh that *Oates* and *Bedlow* were made away; And then commanded this Informant to go to Maſs and Confeſſion, and then told this Informant, that he might do the Catholick Cauſe great Service, and might make his own Fortune, if he would joyn in deſtroying *Oates* and *Bedlow*, and that 50000 *Reales d'ocho* ſhould be given for that Service, and that two ſufficient men ſhould joyn with this Informant for the killing of *Oates* and *Bedlow*; But the ſaid *Bedlow* being about that time in *Ireland* the ſaid Murder was deferred, and a report being ſpread, that *Bedlow* was dead in *Ireland*, the ſaid Lord Ambaſſador ſaid to this Informant, What a Fool were you! had you killed him, you had gained that Money which I promiſed: But afterwards underſtanding that *Bedlow* was not dead, the ſaid Ambaſſador renewed his Solicitations to this Informant to proſecute the death of *Oates* and *Bedlow*, aſſuring this Informant, That he would make good his promiſe of the ſaid Sum of Money to them, which ſhould kill them; That he would beſides, pay this Informants Debts, and take this Informant with him into *Portugal*. Upon which Diſcourſe, this Informant took the boldneſs to tell the Ambaſſador, That the Death of *Godfrey* had done much hurt to the Catholick Intereſt, and he much feared, that the death of *Oates* and *Bedlow* would bring greater hurt. To which the Ambaſſador replyed, he feared not that; and if *Oates* and *Bedlow* and *Shaftsbury* were out of the way, the Parliament might come when they pleaſe. Whereupon this Informant asked, How ſhall *Shaftsbury* be killed? He replyed, Lord *Shaftsbury* goes often into the Country, and I know you are excellent at hand-Granadoes, you

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ſhall throw one of them into *Shaftsbury*'s Coach, which will deſtroy all that are in the Coach upon the breaking, and you and your Companions ſhall alſo have Fire Arms to kill, if the other do not full Execution. And the Ambaſſador added, that he had provided Two other Perſons, Men of Honour, to joyn with this Informant in that Service, but named them not, nor the reward that was promiſed to be given for it; And then ordered this Informant to provide a Man who could ſpeak *French* and *Dutch* to carry a Letter into *Flanders*; Whereupon this Informant applied himſelf to one *Salter*, who keeps a Sempſters Shop in *Drury-Lane*, to carry the Letter: Who ſaying, he could not go, becauſe he had Horſes lame; which this Informant's Servant obſerving, ſaid Sir, If you pleaſe my Husband ſhall go; But this Informant refuſed him as not ſpeaking *French*, nor acquainted with the Country. And this Informant did (according to the Ambaſſador's Order) offer the ſaid *Salter* 10. *l.* to undertake the Journey, becauſe he was acquainted with the Country, *&c.*

February laſt paſt, the ſaid Ambaſſador left *England*, and returned to *Portugal*, leaving this Informant on a ſudden with very little Money, after his many promiſes to take this Informant with him into *Portugal*, and to get the Prince to provide plentifully for him in *Portugal*. Upon which this Informant recollecting the ſaid former paſſages, and fearing leſt he ſhould be accuſed, though innocent, went to his own Father, declaring the offers made to this Informant for the killing the Perſons aforeſaid; but his Father and Mother adviſed him to throw Aſhes upon it, for none that have diſcover'd are ſecure, becauſe

cauſe ſome are of one mind and ſome of another; And this Informant then left a Note with his Mother, ſignifying that if this Informant were killed, it muſt be by the *Portugals*, and he would lay his Death to them, becauſe of the paſſages aforeſaid; and did the like with Mrs. *Mary Seares*, who finding this Informant in a very diſturbed condition, obſerving that in his Frenzy fits he ſpoke of the Death of *Oats*, *Bedlow* and *Shafrsbury*; ſo far prevailed with this Informant when out of his Frenzy fits, as to make him relate the whole Story to her, who then perſuaded this Informant to keep all ſecret, leſt he brought himſelf into Troubles. But this Informant hearing about the 16*th.* of *April* laſt, That a certain Gentleman of note was wounded almoſt to Death, did recollect that one *Wyard* had tempted him to Baſtinado ſuch a kind of Perſon, which this Informant had before, *viz.*

In the beginning of *March*, told unto the ſaid *Mrs. Mary Seares*, for an account whereof this Informant refers himſelf to his Information taken before Sir *Philip Mathews*, a Copy whereof this Informant delivered this day to the ſaid Committee of Lords: And this Informant did alſo repair about the firſt of *May* laſt to the Earl of *Clarendon*, and in writing gave the ſaid Earl under his hand, a Paper containing the matter about the wounding the ſaid Gentleman, and hopes the ſaid Earl will produce the ſaid Paper, to which this Informant refers. To which this Informant added by word of mouth, That the Earl of *Shaftsbury* was in danger of his Life: to which Earl this Informant repaired, becauſe he was going into *Flanders*, and fearing he might be accuſed for the wounding of the ſaid Gentle-

man, during his abſence, That that writing delivered to the Earl of *Clarendon* might clear his Innocency; And this Informant farther ſaith, That the Lady *Abergavenny* ſent for this Informant into *Lincolns-Inn-fields* this laſt Summer was a twelve month; And then told this Informant, The Lord *Powis* would ſpeak with him in the *Tower*: To which this Informant anſwered, He would; but acquainting the ſaid Ambaſſador therewith, His Excellency forbid him to go: wherewith this Informant alſo acquainted the ſaid Earl of *Clarendon*, who ſeemed to know the Lady *Abergavenny*, ſaying, She was his Neighbour; and he farther ſaith, That a certain Perſon came to the Ambaſſador, and in this Informant's preſence, told the Ambaſſador, That one *Roberts* Porter to the Water-gate at *Somerſet-houſe* was Apprehended, upon which this Informant obſerved the Ambaſſador to look very pale, and thereupon asked the Ambaſſador, My Lord, Is he concerned in this buſineſs with me? To which the Ambaſſador replyed, He is a man of Courage, and will undertake any thing.

And in *May* laſt, this Informant's Brother, *Abraham de Faria* coming to *London*, this Informant told the Ambaſſador of it; Who asked if he were a *Catholick*: and being anſwered thereto, His Excellency asked if he were a Man of Courage. Whereunto this Informant replied, We are all well born and bred. And His Lordſhip replied, I would have him in this Affair with us, were I ſure of him: and commanded this Informant to ſend him to him. And this Informant told his ſaid Brother, that the Ambaſſador would ſpeak with him. But this Informant was not with him when he went to the Ambaſſador,

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nor knoweth what paſſed between them. And this Informant ſaith, That upon the day of Sir *George Wakeman's* Trial, the Ambaſſador ſent him in his Coach to wait upon the Lord Chief Juſtice *Scroggs*, and ſent up word by one of his Gentlemen, That one from the *Portugal* Ambaſſador would ſpeak with him. The Servant brought anſwer, That he could not ſee the Ambaſſador that day, becauſe he ſhould be engaged upon the Trial of Sir *George Wakeman* all the day. Which the Ambaſſador being acquainted with, his Lordſhip ſent this Informant to hear the Trial. And this Informant ſtood by Sir *George* all the time, and gave him white Paper to write upon: and employed one Mr. *Cooper* a Scrivener in *Drury-Lane* to take in Writing the Trial, and gave him 20 *s.* for his pains: which this Informant delivered to the Ambaſſador; who immediately ſent it to the Queen then at *Windſor*: with which, and a Letter, this Informant ſhould have gone to *Windſor*, had he not been very weary. And that ſame night this Informant was ſent to Sir *George Wakeman's* in *St. Martins-Lane*, to Complement him on the Ambaſſadors part: but he was not then come to his Lodging in *St. Martins-Lane*. So this Informant went next morning, and found him in bed with his Wife, and (as this Informant was Commanded) told him from the Ambaſſador, That his Fortune and Eſtate was at his ſervice, and ſo was his Prince's; and the Prayers of the good Catholicks have prevailed for your delivery; and we are all bound to Sir *Philip Lloyd* for his Generoſity to you at the Trial: and we are all bound to pray for him. Whereunto Sir *George Wakeman* replied, If it had not been for him, I had not been ſaved: and

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ſo we are all bound to pray for him. And I pray return my Lord many thanks for his Offers: and that he would wait on his Excellency that very day, to give him thanks for his Favours: but that he muſt firſt go to *Windſor*, to wait on the Queen: but at his Return he would wait on his Excellency. And Sir *George* then took this Informant by the hand, and ſaid, I am ſorry, Mr. *Faria*, that I had not the happineſs to ſpeak with you before: For I am informed what a Man you are; and that you could do great Service for the Catholicks; But alas! it is now too late. Thence this Informant went again, by Order, to the Lord Chief Juſtice *Scroggs*, to know when my Lord Ambaſſador ſhould Viſit him. The Lord *Scroggs* anſwered, That the Ambaſſador would do him great Honour to Viſit him, but he was that day to go out of Town by One of the Clock. Wherewith the Ambaſſador being acquainted, he went about Twelve in his Sedan, with a Coach of State, wherein this Informant was, to the Lord *Scroggs* in *Chancery-Lane*. The Complement was in *Portugueze* (and this Informant Interpreted) to this effect: My Lord, I come to Viſit you as you are a Miniſter of State; and am ſent as Ambaſſador from the Prince of *Portugal*, to the King of *Great Britain*, and am directed to Viſit you; and am likewiſe to thank you for the Juſtice you have done Yeſterday to Sir *George Wakeman*. To which the Lord *Scroggs* anſwered, I am placed to do Juſtice, and will not be curbed by the Vulgar: and ſo I thank your Prince, and your ſelf for the great Honour you have done me. And this Informant farther ſaith, That a *Portugueze* came to him, when the Earl of *Oſſory* was to go for *Tangier*, offering this Informant

mant, that he might go with the ſaid Earl, as his Interpreter, and ſhould have 300 *l. per Annum* for his pains. But this Informant reflecting, That the Sum offered was too big for that Service, believed this was a Snare to take away his Life. The ſame *Portugueze* offered him to go for *Flanders*, where *Monſieur Fonſec* might prefer him to the Prince of *Parma*. But he looked upon that as a Snare alſo, and therefore refuſed. And this Informant ſaith, That about 6 Months ago he was aſſaulted by Two unknown Perſons, with their Swords drawn; but he happily eſcaped from them. And farther ſaith not.

Franciſco de Faria.

The Information that the ſaid Informant gave to the Lord *Clarendon*, the 1. day of *May*, *Anno Dom.* 1680.

The Information of Francis de Faria *of* Com. *St.* Giles *in the Fields, Gent. Taken upon* Midd. *Oath before Sir* Philip Mathews *Bar. One of His Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, Aſſigned this* 15 *day of* July, 1680.

THis Informant on his Oath ſaith, That about the latter end of *March*, or the beginning of *April* laſt paſt, a Gentleman who called himſelf Mr. *Wyard*, came to this Informant at *Will's* Coffee-Houſe in *Covent-Garden*, and ſpake

very kindly to this Informant, and desired this Informant to go to a Tavern and drink a Glass of Wine with him: Which this Informant consented unto, and went out of the Coffee-House with him, and desired him to go to the *Rose*-Tavern in *Bridges-street*: But he desired to go farther. At the *Horse-Shoe* Tavern this Informant desired the said *Wyard* to go in thither; But he there desired to go farther, and so drilled this Informant on into *Grays-Inn* Walks: Which this Informant consented unto. And in Discourse he there told this Informant, that this Informant had his Fortune in his hand. This Informant ask'd him, In What? The said *Wyard* replied, He knew my wants: If you will but Cudgel a Man, you shall have 200 *l.* One Hundred in hand, and the other Hundred when the Work or Business is done. To which this Informant replied, That that might be done by a Porter for a Shilling. To which the said *Wyard* replied, You may believe, by the Sum that is offered, that there is something more to be done besides Cudgelling. And when you have done, you shall have a better Reward.

To which this Informant replyed, He scorn'd such unworthy and base Proposals; and utterly refused to treat with him about it. Then the said *Wyard* desired this Informant to go and speak with the Lord *Powis* in the *Tower*. To which this Informant answered, That he had no business with the Lord *Powis*, nor the Lord *Powis* any with him, as he knew of. Who then shewed this Informant a Letter from the Lord *Powis* to this Informant: which Letter was to this effect,

Mr. de Faria, *Come to me to the* Tower, *and speak with me: but let no body know who you are.*

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The ſaid Mr. *Wyard*, when he found this Informant utterly refuſed to go to the Lord *Powis*, or to treat in the ſaid buſineſs any farther, the ſaid *Wyard* then told this Informant, He would meet this Informant in the ſame place on the morrow; and would then bring this Informant a Letter from a Perſon of Quality, whoſe hand this Informant did well know: and that this Informant had Papers then in his pocket, under the ſaid Perſons hand. And on the morrow the ſaid *Wyard* did meet this Informant in the ſaid place, and then ſhewed him a Letter writ in the *Portugueze* Language, which contained theſe words, being into *Engliſh* Tranſlated.

Francis,

Do what this man bids you; for it ſhall be well done.

Subſcribed G. A. B.

And this Informant farther ſaith, That he knew the Hand, and did compare with ſome Papers he had in his Pocket, then ſigned by the ſame Hand. But notwithſtanding the ſaid Letter, this Informant utterly refuſed to treat about the ſaid buſineſs any farther.

The ſaid *Wyard* then deſired this Informant to meet him the next day again, and took his leave. And this Informant being deſirous to know who the ſaid *Wyard* was, and where he lay, followed the ſaid *Wyard* down *Chancery-Lane*, and into *Curſitors-Alley*, and into ſeveral turnings, but loſt ſight of him. And the next day this Informant went to the ſame place, to meet the ſaid *Wyard*, but the ſaid *Wyard* came not; nor could this Informant ever ſince find the ſaid *Wyard*, or hear of him, though he hath made a great and general Enquiry after him: But ſaith, He could know him again if he could ſee him. And farther,

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this Informant ſaith, That He the ſame day declared unto one Monſieur *Camaſh*, That he was offered 200 *l.* to Cudgel a man. And alſo ſaith, That being apprehenſive that he might be called in queſtion after Mr. *Arnold* was Aſſaulted, the ſaid Monſieur *Camaſh* having charged him with it, and with receiving of the ſaid 200 *l.* This Informant went unto the Right Honourable the Earl of *Clarendon*, about the firſt day of *May*, and deſired his Honour to take his Information in Writing, (this Informant being to go into *Flanders*) which the ſaid Earl did; and this Informant ſet his hand to it. And farther at preſent ſaith not.

Signed, *Franciſco de Faria.*

Jurat coram me,
Philip Mathews,
15 July 1680.

This laſt Information only was Sworn before Sir *Philip Mathews.*

Franciſco de Faria.

FINIS.

VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Mercurij 10° *die Novembris* 1680.

A Bill for Regulating the Elections of Members to Serve in the Commons Houſe of Parliament, was Read the firſt time.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill be Read a ſecond time.

An Engroſſed Bill for Prohibiting the Importation of Cattel from *Ireland*, was Read a third time.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill do Paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act Prohibiting the Importation of Cattel from* Ireland.

Ordered,

That Sir *John Trevor* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Lords, for their Concurrence.

And the ſame Bill was carried up to the Lords accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by the Lord Chief Baron *Mountague*, and Mr. Baron *Atkins*.

Mr. Speaker,

THe Lords have Commanded us to acquaint you, That they have Paſſed an Act for Freeing the City of *London*, and His Majeſties Court, and parts adjacent, from Popiſh Inhabitants, and Providing againſt

other Dangers which may ariſe from Papiſts. To which their Lordſhips deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration His Majeſties Gracious Meſſage now Read to the Houſe, and a Debate ariſing thereupon,

Reſolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That a Committee be Appointed to Draw up an Humble Addreſs to His Majeſty, upon the Debate of the Houſe, in Anſwer to His Majeſties Gracious Meſſage.

Reſolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That this Houſe will proceed in the Proſecution of the Lords in the *Tower*, and will forthwith begin with *William* Viſcount *Stafford*.

Ordered,

That Sir *William Jones* be added to the Committee appointed to Inſpect the Journals of the Two laſt Parliaments, relating to the Popiſh Plot, and the Impeachments of the Lords in the *Tower*; and the ſaid Committee is to Sit *de die in diem*.

Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* acquaints the Houſe, That according to the Order of the Houſe, Yeſterday made, His Majeſty had been Attended in Council with the Addreſs of this Houſe: And that His Majeſty was pleaſed to return this Anſwer, That as to the Pardon for Mr. *Dangerfield*, it ſhould be not onely for all Treaſons, and Miſpriſions of Treaſon, but alſo for all Felonies, Outlawries, and Miſdemeanors whatſoever. And that He would grant the like Pardon to Mr. *Tuberville*, and would conſider of an Allowance for his Maintenance.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Perfected and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame.* Nov. 10. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed by the Aſſigns of *John Bill*, *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty. 1680.

VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,
Jovis 11mo *die Novembris* 1680.

Ordered,

THat Mr. Speaker do Iſſue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, for a new Writ for the Election of a Member to Serve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Cricklade* it the County of *Wilts*, in the room of *Hungerford Dunch* Eſq; deceaſed.

A Petition of Mr. *Richard Harnage* was Read.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harnage* be Diſcharged from the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, Paying his Fees.

A Bill to Prevent the Offences of Bribery, and Debauchery, in the Election of Members to Serve in the Commons Houſe of Parliament, was Read the firſt time.

Reſolved,

That this Bill be Read a ſecond time on Monday morning next; And that the Bill for Regulating Elections of Members to Serve in the Commons Houſe of Parliament, be Read at the ſame time.

Mr. *Treby* Reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, That the ſaid Committee having taken into Conſideration the Matter of Election and Return for the Borough of *Haſlemere* in the County of *Surrey*, that the Committee had agreed upon Three Reſolves to be Reported to the Houſe, which he Read in his place, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved,

That Sir *William Moore* Baronet, is not duly Choſen a Burgeſs to Serve in this preſent Parliament, for the Borough of *Haſlemere* in the County of *Surrey*.

Reſolved,

That *Denzill Onſlow* Eſq; is duly Choſen for the ſame.

Reſolved,

That *Francis Dorrington* Eſq; is duly Choſen for the ſame.

Which Report being delivered in at the Clerks Table, the Houſe did Agree with the Committee in the ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Reſolves.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Crown, and the Bailiff of the ſaid Borough of *Haſlemere* do attend the Houſe to morrow Morning, at Ten of the Clock, to Amend the ſaid Return.

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lliam Rapley, Bailiff of the said Borough of *Haslemere*, be sent for of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, to Answer at the s House for the Misdemeanours by him Committed in the Election and f Members to Serve in this present Parliament, for the Borough of *Hasle-*

Ordered,

at Mr. *Turbervill* and Mr. *Jennison* have the leave of this House to Print several Informations relating to the Horrid Popish Plot.

Ordered,

That an humble Address be made to His Majesty, by such Members of this ouse as are of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, for a full Pardon Mr. *Jennison* of all Treasons, Misprisions of Treasons, and other Misdemeanours by him Committed, to the time of the Discovery made by him to this House, of the Horrid Popish Plot.

Mr. *Hethrington*, Mr. *Murphy*, Mr. *John Fitz-Gerald*, and Mr. *Daniel Fitz-Gerald*, being called in, made a Discovery at the Bar, of the Popish Plot in *Ireland*.

Ordered,

That all the Witnesses, touching the Popish Plot in *Ireland*, do Attend this House to morrow Morning, at Ten of the Clock.

Sir *William Jones* Reports from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Majesty, upon the Debate of the House, in Answer to His Majesties Gracious Message: An Address Agreed upon by the Committee, which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table; where the same being Read, was, upon the Question, Agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That such Members of this House as are of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, be desired to know His Majesties Pleasure when this House shall attend Him with the said Address.

An Engrossed Bill to Disable *James* Duke of *York* to Inherit the Imperial Crown of *England* and *Ireland*, with the Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging, was Read a third time.

Resolved,

That this Bill do Pass. And that the Title be, *An Act for Securing of the Protestant Religion, by Disabling* James *Duke of* York *to Inherit the Imperial Crown of* England *and* Ireland, *and the Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging.*

Ordered,

That the Lord *Russel* do carry up this Bill to the Lords, for their Concurrence.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print these* VOTES, *Perused and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* House of Commons; *And that no other Person presume to Print the same.* Nov. 11. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed by the Assigns of *John Bill*, *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, Printers to the Kings most Excellent Majesty. 1680.

VOTES

Of the HOUSE of

COMMONS,

Veneris 12° die Novembris 1680.

A Petition of Sir *Robert Teamans*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, was Read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Sir *Robert Teamans* be brought to the Bar of this Houſe to morrow Morning at Ten of the Clock.

A Petition of *Richard Janeway*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, was Read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid *Richard Janeway* be brought to the Bar of this Houſe to morrow Morning at Ten of the Clock.

An Ingroſſed Bill ſent from the Lords, Intituled, *An Act for Freeing the City of* London, *and His Majeſties Courts, and parts adjacent, from Popiſh Inhabitants, and Providing againſt other Dangers which may ariſe from Papiſts*, was Read the firſt time.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill be Read a ſecond time, after Ten of the Clock, in a full Houſe.

The Clerk of the Crown, and the Bailiff of the Borough of *Haſlemere* in the County of *Surrey*, being called in, Amended the Return of the ſaid Borough, by taking off the Indenture, whereby Sir *William Moore* Baronet, and *James Greſham* Eſq; were Returned, and by Razing out of the Name of Sir *William Moore*, and Inſerting the Name of *Francis Dorrington* Eſq; in the other Indenture.

Mr. *Hobart Bourke*, Mr. *Thomas Sampſon*, Mr. *John Macnamarra*, and *Euſtace Coning*, being ſeverally called in, gave an Account of ſome Proceedings relating to the Popiſh Plot in *Ireland*.

Ordered,

That an humble Addreſs be made to His Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council, to deſire His Majeſty to grant a full and effectual Pardon to *Edmund Murphy*, *Hobart Bourke*, *Thomas Sampſon*, *John Macnamarra*, *John Fitz-Gerald*, and *Euſtace Coning*, who have made a Conſiderable Diſcovery to this Houſe, of the Popiſh Plot in *Ireland*, for all Treaſons, Miſpriſions of Treaſon, Crimes and Offences by them Committed, to the time of their making their reſpective Diſcoveries to this Houſe. And that His Majeſty would likewiſe be pleaſed to take them into His Royal Protection and Care.

Mr. *David Fitz-Gerald* being called in, gave in a further Information to the House, relating to the Popish Plot in *Ireland*.

Resolved,

That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them with the Resolution of this House, to proceed to the Trial of the Lords in the Tower, and forthwith to begin with *William* Viscount *Stafford*: and to desire their Lordships to Appoint a convenient Day for the Trial of the said *William* Viscount *Stafford*. And likewise, to desire their Lordships, That the Lords in the Tower may be confined and kept from holding Correspondence with one another, as persons Impeached and Committed for High Treason by Law ought to be. And, That Sir *William Jones* do go up with this Message to the Lords.

Sir *Francis Winnington* Reported and Delivered in at the Table, the Abstracts of the Proceedings of the Two last Parliaments, as well relating to the Popish Plot, as to the Impeachments against the Lords in the *Tower*.

Sir *William Jones* acquaints the House, that he had, according to the Order of the House, attended the Lords with the Message; and that their Lordships were pleased to return Answer by him to this effect, *viz.*

That as to that part of the Message relating to the Confinement of the Lords, and their Correspondence, they had already given Order therein, as desired by this House. That as to the other part of the Message, relating to the appointing of a Day for the Trial of *William* Viscount *Stafford*, their Lordships have appointed *Tuesday* come fortnight for the said Trial.

Ordered,

That a further Address be made to His Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, humbly to desire His Majesty, That all Papers, Letters, Examinations, Writings, and other Evidences relating to the Horrid Popish Plot, which have been delivered in to the Clerks of the Council, or the Secretaries of State, since the Dissolution of the last Parliament, may be transmitted to this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. Serjeant *Maynard*, Mr. *George Pelham*, and Mr. *Paul Foley* be added to the Committee appointed to prepare Evidence against the Lords in the *Tower*.

Ordered,

That an humble Address be made to His Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, to desire His Majesty to give Orders for the issuing out a Sum of Money, for defraying the Charges of Summoning the Witnesses, and other Expences incident to the Prosecution and Trials of the Lords in the *Tower*.

Ordered,

That such Moneys as His Majesty shall be pleased to direct to be issued for the Uses aforesaid, be deposited in the hands of Mr. *Charles Clare*.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print these* VOTES, *Perused and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* House of Commons; *And that no other Person presume to Print them.* Nov. 12. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed by the Assigns of *John Bill, Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, Printers to the Kings most Excellent Majesty. 1680.

VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,
Sabbati 13° die Novembris 1680.

A Petition of *Richard Whitehead* Eſq; touching the Election for the Borough of *Linnington* in the County of *Southampton*, was Read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be Referred to the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, to Examine the Matter thereof, and to Report the ſame, with their Opinions therein, to the Houſe.

Richard Janeway in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, being called in, acquainted the Houſe, That the Pamphlet by him Publiſhed, for which he ſtands Committed, was Printed by *Everingham*, *Bradwell*, and *Thomas James*, *Samuel Lee*, and *Thomas Simons*, Stationers, and that the Copy by which the ſame was Printed, was delivered by Mr. *Andrew Tarrington*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Tarrington*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Everingham*, Mr. *Bradwell*, Mr. *Simons*, and Mr. *Lee*, be Summoned to Attend at the Bar of this Houſe on Munday Morning next at Ten of the Clock, to Anſwer the ſaid Charge to the Houſe, concerning the Printing and Publiſhing of the ſaid Pamphlet.

Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* acquaints the Houſe, That ſuch Members thereof as are of His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council, had attended His Majeſty, purſuant to Five ſeveral Orders of Addreſs from this Houſe to His Majeſty, and that His Majeſties Anſwer to the ſeveral Addreſſes, was to this effect.

That as to the Firſt Addreſs, whereby the Houſe deſired to know His Majeſties Pleaſure, when this Houſe ſhould attend Him: His Majeſty was pleaſed to Appoint Three of the Clock this Afternoon, for the Houſe to attend Him in the Banquetting-Houſe.

That as to the Second Addreſs, whereby this Houſe did make humble Application to His Majeſty for the Pardon of Mr. *Jenniſon*:

His Majeſty was pleaſed to Anſwer, That He will Grant Him a Pardon for all Treaſons, Miſpriſions of Treaſon, Felonies, and Outlawries for Felonies.

That as to the Third Addreſs, relating to Money to defray the Incident Charges in the Proſecution of the Lords in the Tower:

His Majeſty was pleaſed to Anſwer, That he had Directed 100 *l.* to be Iſſued out to ſuch Perſon as is, or ſhall be Appointed by this Houſe for that purpoſe.

That as to the Fourth Addreſs, Deſiring that all ſuch Papers, Letters, Examinations, Writings, and other Evidences relating to the Popiſh Plot, as were delivered in to the Clerks of the Council, ſince the Diſſolution of the laſt Parliament, might be Tranſmitted to this Houſe: His Majeſty was pleaſed to return this Anſwer, That upon the firſt Sitting of the Committee of Examinations of the Houſe of Lords, upon the Plot, His Majeſty had Directed, That all ſuch Papers, Letters, Examinations, Writings, and other Evidences relating to the Plot, as were delivered in to the Clerks of the Council, ſince the Diſſolution of the laſt Parliament, to be Tranſmitted to the ſaid Committee of Lords, where they now ſtill remain.

That as to the laſt Addreſs, deſiring a Pardon for *Edmund Murphy*, *Thomas Sampſon*, *John Macnamarra*, *Hobart Bourke*, *John Fitz-Gerald*, and *Euſtace Coning*, His Majeſty was pleaſed to Anſwer, That He would Grant a Pardon to all the ſaid ſeveral perſons, for all Treaſons, Miſpriſions of Treaſon, Felonies, and Outlawries for Felonies.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to Inſpect the Laws concerning Paving and Repairing of the Streets, and Regulating of Hackney Coaches, and to Inquire

into the Proceedings of the Two laſt Parliaments, relating to Hackney Coaches, and to Report the ſame, with their Opinions therein, to the Houſe, and to Prepare and bring in a Bill for Regulating of Hackney Coaches, Repairing, Paving, and Cleanſing of Streets, and Opening of Paſſages in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*.

Sir *Robert Yeamans* being, according to the Order Yeſterday made, brought to the Bar of this Houſe, did acknowledge the Offence by him committed, and humbly begg'd the Pardon of the Houſe. And being withdrawn,

Ordered, That Sir *Robert Yeamans* be again brought to the Bar of this Houſe, and do receive the Cenſure of this Houſe upon his knees, from Mr. Speaker, and be then diſcharged from the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, paying his Fees.

And Sir *Robert Yeamans* being accordingly brought to the Bar, and there kneeling; Mr. Speaker, after having given him the Cenſure of the Houſe, acquainted him that he was diſcharg'd, paying his Fees.

Mr. *Norris* being called in, gave an Information in Writing, relating to the Popiſh Plot, which was Read at the Clerks Table.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to receive Informations concerning the Popiſh Plot, and to inquire into the ſame, and to Report the ſame to the Houſe as often as they ſhall ſee occaſion. And the Committee is Impowered to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records:

And that the Information this day given at the Bar by Mr. *Norris*, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee, who are to Examine the Matter thereof, and to Report the ſame, with their Opinions therein, to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Sir *Timothy Baldwyn* and Sir *John Hoskins*.

Mr. Speaker,

THe Lords have commanded us to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the Bill ſent from this Houſe, Intituled, *An Act Prohibiting the Importation of Cattel from* Ireland, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report made and delivered in Yeſterday by Sir *Francis Winnington*, be Read to the Houſe on *Monday* morning next, at Nine of the Clock.

Mr. *Trenchard* Reports from the Committee, to whom the Petition of divers Citizens of *London* againſt Sir *George Jeffereys*, Recorder of the ſaid City, was referred, That the ſaid Committee had taken the ſame into conſideration, and had heard the Evidence of the Petitioners, and of the ſaid Sir *George Jeffereys*, and had agreed upon a Vote to be Reported to the Houſe, which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, and is as followeth:

Reſolved, *That this Committee is of Opinion, That by the Evidence given to this Committee, it does appear, that Sir* George Jeffereys, *Recorder of the City of* London, *by traducing and obſtructing Petitioning for the Sitting of this Parliament, hath betrayed the Rights of the Subject.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee, that Sir *George Jeffereys*, by traducing and obſtructing Petitioning for the Sitting of this Parliament, hath betrayed the Rights of the Subject.

Ordered, That an humble Addreſs be made to His Majeſty, to remove Sir *George Jeffereys* out of all Publick Offices; And a Committee is appointed to draw up the ſame.

Ordered, That the Members of this Houſe that Serve for the City of *London*, do communicate this Vote, and Reſolution of this Houſe, relating to Sir *George Jeffereys*, to the Court of Aldermen for the City of *London*.

Ordered, That the Committee laſt mentioned, do enquire into all ſuch Perſons as have been adviſing, or promoting of the late Proclamation, ſtiled, *A Proclamation againſt Tumultuous Petitioning*; and they are Impowered to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Nov. 13. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,
Lunæ 15to *die Novembris* 1680.

A Bill againſt Importation of Cattel from *Scotland*, was Read the firſt time.

Reſolved,

That the Bill be Read a Second time, on *Saturday* Morning next, at Ten of the Clock.

Mr. *Treby* Reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, That the Committee had taken the Matter, touching the Election and Return of Members to Serve in this preſent Parliament, for the City of *Weſtminſter*, and had agreed upon Four Reſolves, which he Read in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table, and are as followeth:

Reſolved,

That the Kings Menial Servants, not having proper Houſes of their own within the City of *Weſtminſter*, have not Right to give Voices in the Election of Citizens to Serve in Parliament, for the ſaid City.

Reſolved,

That Sir *William Pulteney* is duly choſen a Citizen to Serve in this preſent Parliament, for the City of *Weſtminſter*.

Reſolved,

That Sir *Francis Rubins* was not duly choſen a Citizen to Serve in this Parliament, for the City of *Weſtminſter*.

Reſolved,

That Sir *William Waller* is duly choſen a Citizen to Serve in this Parliament, for the City of *Weſtminſter*.

The Houſe agreed upon ſeveral Queſtions with the Committee, in the ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Reſolves.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Crown, and the Bailiff of *Weſtminſter*, do Attend this Houſe to morrow Morning, at Ten of the Clock, to amend the Return, according to the Reſolution of the Houſe.

Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* acquaints the Houſe, That His Majeſty had ſent a Meſſage to the Houſe, in Writing, which he delivered at the Clerks Table; and being Read by Mr. Speaker, is as follows.

CHARLES REX.

His Majeſty did in His Speech, at the opening of this Seſſion, deſire the Advice and Aſſiſtance of His Parliament, in relation to *Tangier*: the Condition and Importance of the Place obliges His Majeſty to put this Houſe in mind again, That He relies upon them for the Support of it, without which it cannot be much longer preſerved. His Majeſty does therefore very earneſtly Recommend *Tangier* again to the due and ſpeedy Conſideration and Care of this Houſe.

Reſolved,

That this Houſe will proceed in the Conſideration of His Majeſties Meſſage, on *Wedneſday* Morning next, at Ten of the Clock.

An Engroſſed Bill ſent down from the Lords, Entituled, *An Act for the better Regu-*

lating the Trials of the Peers of England, was Read a Second time.

Reſolved,

That this Bill be Committed, upon the Debate of the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Rapley*, late Bailiff of *Haſlemere*, in the County of *Surrey*, now in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, was Read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid *William Rapley* be brought to the Bar of this Houſe to morrow Morning at Ten of the Clock.

Ordered,

That the two Bills concerning the Regulating of Elections of Members to Serve in the Commons Houſe of Parliament, be Read a Second time to morrow Morning.

Mr. *Dugdale* being called in, gave his further Information at the Bar, relating to the Popiſh Plot, in Writing.

A Petition of Sir *Tho. Whitgrave*, *Francis Eld*, and *Samſon Birch*, was Read.

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of this Petition be Referred to the Committee appointed to receive Informations concerning the Popiſh Plot, and to Enquire into the ſame: And they are to Report the ſame, with their Opinions therein, to this Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dugdale* have Liberty to Print his own Narrative given to this Houſe, relating to the Popiſh Plot.

Mr. *Bourke*, Mr. *Macnamarra*, and *Euſtace Coning*, being called in, preſented their ſeveral Informations formerly given at the Bar of this Houſe, relating to the Popiſh Plot in *Ireland*, in Writing.

Mr. *Tarrington*, Mr. *Simonds*, Mr. *Lee*, Mr. *Janeway*, Mr. *Everingham*, Mr. *James*, and Mr. *Bradwell* being called in, and ſeverally Examined, touching a Pamphlet lately Printed, wherein are ſeveral Reflections upon Sir *Edward Deering*, a Member of this Houſe: And the ſaid Mr. *Tarrington* acquainting the Houſe, That all the Animadverſions contained in the ſaid Pamphlet, were Penned by Dr. *Tongue*, and that he received the Abſtract of the ſeveral Letters therein mentioned, from a Scrivener in *Eſſex Court* in the Temple: And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe upon the whole Matter,

Reſolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That all the Reflective parts of the ſaid Pamphlet upon Sir *Edward Deering*, a Member of this Houſe, are Falſe, Scandalous, and Libellous.

Ordered,

That Doctor *Tongue* have Notice to Attend this Houſe to morrow Morning at Ten of the Clock.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tarrington*, Mr. *Simonds*, Mr. *Lee*, Mr. *Everingham*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Bradwell*, and *Robert Groom* Scrivener, be Committed to the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for their Breach of Priviledge by them committed againſt Sir *Edward Deering*, a Member of this Houſe.

Ordered,

That *Richard Janeway* be Diſcharged from the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, Paying his Fees, and that he receive the Cenſure of the Houſe upon his knees from Mr. Speaker; which was done accordingly.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Nov. 15. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES

Of the HOUSE of

COMMONS,

Martis 16° *die Novembris* 1680.

THe Clerk of the Crown and the Bailiff of *VVeſtminſter* being called in, Amended the Return of Members to Serve in this preſent Parliament, for the ſaid City of *VVeſtminſter*, by razing out the name of Sir *Francis VVithins*, and inſerting the name of Sir *VVilliam VValler*.

And then the Houſe Adjourned to 8 of the Clock to morrow morning.

Mercurij 17° *die Novembris* 1680.

THe Houſe, according to the Order of Monday laſt, taking into Conſideration His Majeſties Meſſage relating to *Tangier*,

Reſolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That a Committee be Appointed to draw up an Addreſs to be preſented to His Majeſty, upon the Debate of the Houſe, humbly Repreſenting to His Majeſty the dangerous

State and Condition of the Kingdom, in Anſwer to His Majeſties ſaid Meſſage.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Treby* do make his Report in Writing on Saturday morning next.

A Debate ariſing in the Houſe, That an Addreſs be made to His Majeſty, humbly to deſire His Majeſty, to remove *George* Earl of *Halliſax* from His Majeſties Preſence and Councils for ever:

Reſolved,

That an Addreſs be made to His Majeſty, humbly to deſire His Majeſty, to remove *George* Earl of *Halliſax* from His Majeſties Preſence and Councils for ever.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dugdale* do Attend this Houſe to morrow morning at Ten of the Clock.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Nov. 17. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

WHereas by an Order of the Houſe of Commons, *November* 9. 1680. the Informations then given in at the Bar of the Houſe, relating to the Popiſh Plot, were, after having been Peruſed and Signed by Mr. Speaker, Ordered to be Printed: Theſe are to give notice, That the Informations of Mr. *Turbervill*, Seignior *Franciſco de Ferria*, Mr. *Jenniſon*, Mr. *Dugdale*, and Mr. *Bedlow*'s Examination before the Lord Chief Juſtice *North*, and that of Mr. *Dangerfield*, are Printed accordingly, and are to be had at the Kings Printing-houſe in *Black-Friers.*

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Jovis 18° die Novembris 1680.

SIR *Francis Winnington*'s Report, conſiſting of ſeveral Abſtracts taken out of the Journals of this Houſe, and of the Lords Houſe, of the Proceedings of the Two laſt Parliaments, relating to the Popiſh Plot, and Impeachments of the Lords in the Tower, was Read.

Ordered,

That a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, to deſire their Lordſhips to Communicate to this Houſe, all ſuch Papers, Writings, and Evidences relating to the Popiſh Plot, as have been received from the Clerks of the Privy Council, as alſo all ſuch Examinations and Informations touching the ſaid Plot, as have been taken by their Lordſhips at their Secret, or any other Committee, in this or the Two laſt Parliaments, and that Mr. *Treby* do go up with this Meſſage to the Lords.

The Lord *Ruſſel* being Elected and Returned to Serve both for the Counties of *Bedford* and *Southampton*, in this preſent Parliament, Declared his Choice to Serve for the County of *Bedford*.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do Iſſue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the Electing of a Knight to Serve in this preſent Parliament, for the County of *Southampton*.

Ordered,

That *Edward Brett* of *Dimſden* near *Newcaſtle*, in the County of *Stafford*, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, to anſwer at the Bar, for a notorious Breach of Priviledge by him committed againſt this Houſe.

Mr. *Lewis* being called in, gave an Information at the Bar of this Houſe, relating to the Popiſh Plot.

Ordered,

That an humble Addreſs be made to His Majeſty, by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council, to deſire His Majeſty to grant to Mr. *Lewis* a Full and General Pardon, and to take him into His Royal Protection and Care, and to grant him ſome Allowance: And that in the ſeveral Pardons already granted, upon the Addreſſes of this Houſe, to all ſuch Perſons as have given Evidence to this Houſe, relating to the Popiſh Plot, His Majeſties Grace and Pardon may be extended to all Crimes and Miſdemeanors whatſoever by them committed, and that to this time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lewis* have the leave of this Houſe to Print his Information this day given in at the Bar of this Houſe.

Mr. *Treby* acquaints the Houſe, that he had attended the Lords with the Meſſage of this Houſe; and that their Lordſhips had returned Anſwer, That they will cauſe to be delivered to this Houſe the ſeveral Papers, Writings, Evidences, Examinations, and Informations deſired by this Houſe.

A Petition of Mr. *Lee*, Mr. *Simonds*, Mr. *Everingham*, Mr. *James*, and Mr. *Bradwell*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, being Read,

Ordered,

That all the ſaid Perſons be called in, and do receive the Cenſure of this Houſe at the Bar, upon their knees, from Mr. Speaker, and be then diſcharged, paying their Fees; which was done accordingly.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to Search into, and Examine the Papers of Mr. *Gilbert Crouch*, of *Staple-Inn*, and to Report the ſame to this Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crouch*, and his Son, attend at the Bar of this Houſe to morrow Morning, at Ten of the Clock.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Nov. 18. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Veneris 19° die Novembris 1680.

SIr *George Downing* Reports from the Committee, to whom the Additional Bill touching Persons buried in Woollen, was referred, some Amendments agreed on by the said Committee to be made to the same, which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table; where the same being twice Read, were upon the Question agreed.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments agreed to, be Engrossed.

Ordered, That Seignior *Francisco de Ferria* have leave to Print the Information by him given at the Bar of this House.

A Petition of *Benjamin Harris*, a Prisoner in Execution at the Kings Suit, for a Fine of 500 *l.* upon a Misdemeanor by him committed, was Read.

Resolved, That an humble Application be made to His Majesty from this House, by such Members of the House as are of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, to desire His Majesty to Pardon and Remit the said Fine.

Ordered, That a Committe be appointed to prepare and draw up a Bill for Ascertaining of Fines upon Misdemeanors.

Robert Groom being called in, and having given an Account at the Bar concerning the late Pamphlet, Entituled, *A Damnable Popish Plot*, &c.

Ordered, That the said *Robert Groom* be Discharged from the Custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, without paying any Fees.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, to desire His Majesty to appoint a Day for a Solemn Fast and Humiliation to be kept throughout the Kingdom, upon the Debate of the House.

Mr. Serjeant *Rigby* Reports from the Committee appointed to Enquire after all such Persons as have offended against the Right of the Subject, to Petition His Majesty for the Sitting of the Parliament, That the Committee had directed him to make a Special Report of the Presentments of the Grand Jury for the County of *Somerset* for the last Lent Assizes, and of the Grand Jury for the County of *Devon* for the last Summer Assizes; which Presentments he delivered in at the Clerks Table. And further Reported, That Captain *William Castle* being Summoned to attend the said Committee, did, in contempt of the said Order, neglect to attend the Committee: And that the Committee desired the Directions of the House therein.

Ordered, That Sir *Giles Philips*, and *William Coleman*, being the Foremen of the said Grand Juries, be sent for in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, to answer at the Bar of this House, for the Breach of Priviledge by them committed against this House.

Ordered, That the ſaid Captain *William Caſtle* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, to anſwer at the Bar of this Houſe, for the breach of Priviledge by him committed againſt this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *John Hutchinſon*, and Mr. *Henry Walrond*, being of the ſaid Grand Juries, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, to anſwer at the Bar of this Houſe, for the breach of Priviledge by them committed againſt this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Aſſizes for the Weſtern Circuit, and the reſpective Clerks of the Peace and Under-Sheriffs of the ſaid Counties of *Devon* and *Somerſet*, be Summoned by the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, to attend at the Bar of the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thomas Warre*, and Mr. *Edward Strode*, be Summoned by the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, to attend at the Bar of the Houſe, on Monday morning next, at Ten of the Clock.

Reſolved, That the Committee appointed to receive Informations relating to the Popiſh Plot, have power likewiſe to receive Informations relating to the Popiſh Plot in *Ireland*.

Sir *Robert Clayton* Reports from the Committee appointed to prepare and draw up the Addreſs concerning Sir *George Jeffreys*, An Addreſs agreed upon by the Committee, which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read, was upon the Queſtion, Agreed to.

Mr. *Zeile* being called in, delivered his Information in Writing, relating to the Popiſh Plot.

Ordered, That *Edward Seymour* Eſq; a Member of this Houſe, Attend the Service of this Houſe, in his Place, to morrow morning, at Ten of the Clock.

Ordered, That an humble Application be made from this Houſe to His Majeſty, by ſuch Members thereof as are of His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council, to deſire His Majeſty to Grant to Mr. *Zeile* a full and general Pardon to this time; And to Grant him ſome Allowance for his Subſiſtence.

Ordered, That an humble Application be made from this Houſe to His Majeſty, by ſuch Members thereof as are of His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council, Repreſenting the Condition and Circumſtances of Mr. *Hethrington*, and other the Witneſſes, touching the Popiſh Plot in *Ireland*; And to deſire His Majeſty to Grant them ſome Allowance for their Support.

Ordered, That an humble Application be made to His Majeſty from this Houſe, by ſuch of the Members thereof as are of His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council, to deſire His Majeſty to Confer upon Mr. *Smith* (who hath made a conſiderable Diſcovery of the Popiſh Plot) ſome Eccleſiaſtical Preferment.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Nov. 19. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

Whereas by an Order of the Houſe of Commons, *Novemb.* c. 1680. the Informations then given in at the Bar of the Houſe, relating to the Popiſh Plot, were, after having been Peruſed and Signed by Mr. Speaker, Ordered to be Printed: Theſe are to give notice, That the Informations of Mr. *Turberzill*, Seignior *Franciſco de Faria*, Mr. *Jennijon*, Mr. *Dugdale*, and Mr. *Bedlow*'s Examination before the Lord Chief Juſtice *North*, and that of Mr. *Dangerfield*, are Printed accordingly, and are to be had at the Kings Printing houſe in *Black-Friers*.

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,
Sabbati 20° die Novembris 1680.

INformation being given to the House, That Mr. *William Stawell* was Foreman of the Grand Jury for the County of *Devon*, the last Summer Assizes, and that by a Mistake, Mr. *Colman* was ordered to be sent for in Custody, instead of the said Mr. *Stawell*:

Ordered,

That Mr. *Colman*'s Name be struck out of the Warrant directed to the Serjeant at Arms attending this House; And that Mr. *Stawell*'s Name be Inserted instead thereof.

A Complaint being made of a Breach of Priviledge committed against Mr. *Ayloffe*, a Member of this House, by *John Dandridge*, in Arresting and Detaining in Custody *James Newman*, Menial Servant of the said Mr. *Ayloffe*, at the Suit of *Richard Rawlins*:

Ordered,

That the said *John Dandridge* and *Richard Rawlins* be sent for in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, to Answer at the Bar of this House for the said Breach of Priviledge.

The Question being put, That the Bill against the Importation of Cattel from *Scotland* be now Read a Second time:

It was Resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill being Read,

Resolved, That the Bill be Committed.

Information being given to the House, That *George Eyles* had committed a Breach of Priviledge against Sir *Patience Ward*, a Member of this House:

Ordered,

That the said *George Eyles* be sent for in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, to Answer at the Bar of this House for the said Breach of Priviledge.

Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* acquaints the House, That in pursuance of the Orders of this House, His Majesty had been Attended by such Members thereof as are of His Majesties Privy Council, with several Addresses from this House, That as to the Address relating to Sir *George Jeffreys*, after the same, together with the Orders and Resolves of the House were Read to His Majesty, His Majesty was pleased to return Answer, That He would consider of it.

That His Majesty, upon presenting the Address for some Allowance to Mr. *Lewis*, and for a general Pardon to him and all the rest of the Persons that have given Information relating to the Popish Plot, for all Crimes and Misdemeanors whatsoever, His Majesty was pleased to Answer, That His Majesties Pardon should extend to all Crimes and Misdemeanors whatsoever by them committed, to this time, Perjury only excepted.

That His Majesty was further pleased to Answer, That Consideration should be had of Mr. *Lewis*, for some reasonable Allowance to him.

That as to the Address, relating to Mr. *Smith*, for some Ecclesiastical Preferment, His Majesty would have him in Consideration.

That as to the Address concerning Mr. *Hetherington* and the rest of the Witnesses, touching the Popish Plot in *Ireland*, His Majesty, in regard that the Number and Circumstances of those Persons are not yet well known, had referred the Consideration thereof to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Resolved,

That a further Address be made to His Majesty from this House, by such Members thereof as are of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, to desire His Majesty, That the Pardons granted to the several persons for whom Application hath been already made to His Majesty by this House, may extend to all Crimes and Misdemeanors whatsoever by them committed, to the last time of their respective Discoveries respectively.

Mr. *Trenchard* Reports from the Committee, to whom it is referred to Enquire after such persons as have offended against the Rights of the Subject, to Petition His Majesty for the Sitting of the Parliament, That the Committee had ordered him to make the following Report: *viz.*

That Information being given to the said Committee, That Examinations were taken upon Oath in the County of *Monmouth* by five Justices of the Peace of the said County, *viz. James Herbert*, *Henry Baker*, *William Herbert*, *William Jones*, and *Robert Gunter*, Esquires, against *John Arnold*, Esquire, for procuring Subscriptions to a certain Petition to be presented to His Majesty for the Sitting of the Parliament: Which said Examination was sent up to the Council Table by the said Justices, and there Exhibited in Charge, as an Article against the said Mr. *Arnold*, and was Subscribed by one *Thomas Herbert*, Esquire, who undertook to prosecute the same:

And that the Committee desired the Directions of the House therein:

And further Reported, That the Committee had agreed upon Two Resolves, which are as follows:

Resolved,

That this Committee is of Opinion, That Mr. *Thomas Staples*, by obstructing Petitioning to His Majesty for the Sitting of this Parliament, and declaring his dislike, and abhorrence of such Petitioning, hath betrayed the Rights of the Subject.

Resolved,

That this Committee is of Opinion, That Sir *Thomas Holt* Serjeant at Law, by obstructing Petitioning to His Majesty for the Sitting of this Parliament, and declaring his dislike and abhorrence of such Petitioning, hath betrayed the Rights of the Subject.

Which Report he Read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table: where the same being Read,

The House taking into Consideration the Matter specially Reported,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Thomas Herbert* be sent for in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, to answer at the Bar of this House for the Misdemeanors by him committed against the Priviledge of this House.

The First of the said Resolves being Read a Second time to the House:

Resolved,

That this House doth Agree with the said Committee, That the said Mr. *Thomas Staples*, by obstructing Petitioning to His Majesty for the Sitting of this Parliament, and declaring his dislike and abhorrence of such Petitioning, hath betrayed the Rights of the Subject.

The Second of the said Resolves being Read a Second time to the House:

Resolved,

That this House doth agree with the said Committee, that Sir *Thomas Holt*, by obstructing Petitioning to his Majesty for the Sitting of this Parliament, and declaring his dislike and abhorrence of such Petitioning, hath betrayed the Rights of the Subject.

Ordered.

That Mr. *Thomas Staples* and Sir *Thomas Holt* be sent for in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, to answer at the Bar of this House for the Misdemeanors by them committed against the Priviledge of this House.

Mr. *Treby* acquaints the House, that, pursuant to the Order of the House, he had prepared an Abstract in Writing, of the several Letters and Papers in his Custody, relating to the Popish Plot

Ordered,

That the said Letters and Papers be Printed, and it is recommended to Mr. *Treby* to take care therein.

Sir *Gilbert Gerard* acquaints the House, that he had Articles of Impeachment of high Crimes, Misdemeanors and Offences against *Edward Seymour* Esq; a Member of this House, which he delivered in at the Clerks Table.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Seymour* have a Copy of the said Articles, and that he do make his Answer thereunto on Thursday morning next.

Colonel *Birch* Reports from the Committee to whom the Petition of Sir *Thomas Whitgrave*, *Francis Eld*, and *Sampson Birch* was referred, That the Committee had agreed upon a Report, which he Read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table; where the same being Read, is as follows.

That the Committee, upon the Examination of the Information against *Francis Eld* Lieutenant of some of the Trained Bands in *Staffordshire*, touching his neglecting to make a full Search in *Taxal House* upon the Discovery of the late Plot; and upon hearing of the said *Elds* Defence to the said Information, the said *Eld* did confess the Information given by Mr. *Dugdale* to be true; but saith that his Warrant given him under the Deputy Lieutenants hands, was onely to Search for Offensive Arms of War: And that he was to take to his Assistance a Constable, or other Civil Officer; which Warrant he produced: And accordingly he taking a Constable with him; when he brought his Men into the Lord *Astons* Hall at *Taxall*, the Constable slipped away, and he could by no means meet with him again: So that the said *Eld* conceived himself incapacitated to make such a Search as he desired. Which the Committee considering of, and finding him the said *Eld* to be a Sober Protestant, and that this neglect was not done purposely with favour to the Papists; but that the said *Eld* is an Enemy to the Popish Faction: Are humbly of Opinion that the said *Francis Eld* be Discharged from his Restraint.

Resolved,

That the said *Francis Eld* be Discharged from the Custody of the Serjeant at Arms.

I *Appoint* Thomas Newcomb, *and* Henry Hills, *to Print these* VOTES, *Perused and Signed by me, according to the Order of the* House of Commons; *And that no other Person presume to Print them.* Nov. 20. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed by the Assigns of *John Bill*, *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, Printers to the Kings most Excellent Majesty. 1680.

VOTES
Of the House of
COMMONS,

Lunæ, 22° die Novemb. 1680.

A Bill for Regulating Elections of Members to serve in the Commons House of Parliament was read a second time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be Committed upon the Debate of the House.

A Bill to prevent the Offences of Bribery and Debauchery in the Election of Members to serve in the Commons House of Parliament was Read a second time.

Resolved,

That this Bill be referred upon the Debate of the House to the same Committee.

And the said Committee is to reduce the said Bills into one Bill, or to put the same into more Bills as they shall see occasion.

Mr. *Treby* reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges that the Committee having taken into their Consideration the matter of the Election and return of Members to serve in this present Parliament for the Burrough of *Stockbridge* in the County of *Southampton*, had agreed upon the following Resolve, *viz.*

Resolved,

That *Henry Whitehead* Esq; is duly Elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Burrough of *Stockbridge* in the County of *Southampton*, to which the House,

Ordered,

That the Chairman of the Committee of Elections and Priviledges do make Report to this House touching the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament for *Agmondisham* in the County of *Bucks*, to morrow morning at ten of the Clock.

Resolved,

That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Repairing of the High-wayes.

The Clerk of the Crown and Bayliff of *Stockbridge* being called in, amended the Return for *Stockbridge*, by taking off the Indenture whereby *William Strode* Esq; was Returned to

ſerve for the ſaid Burrough, and Razing out the name of *Oliver St. Johns* Eſq; and inſerting the name of the ſaid *Hen. Whitehead* in the other Indenture.

Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* acquaints the Houſe, That his Majeſty having been attended by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of the Privy Council, according to two ſeveral Orders of Addreſs from this Houſe to His Majeſty, the one for a General Pardon and ſome Allowance to Mr. *Zeile*, the other for a full and further General Pardon of all Crimes and Miſdemeanours to the ſeveral Perſons in whoſe behalf the Houſe had formerly Addreſſed. His Majeſty was pleaſed to anſwer, That he would grant a Pardon, and ſome Allowance to Mr. *Zeile*.

That Pardons ſhall be paſſed to the ſeveral Perſons Addreſſed for by the Houſe of Commons for all Treaſons, Miſpriſions of Treaſon, Felonies and Outlawries after Treaſon or Felony, and His Majeſty will give Order that a *Noli proſequi* be Entred to ſtop all Proſecutions againſt the ſaid Perſons for all Crimes or Miſdemeanours whatſoever.

That His Majeſty apprehends there may be ſome Inconveniency in granting a Pardon ſo general as is now deſired, but if any Inſtances ſhall be given wherein the Tryals may be hindred or prejudiced, His Majeſty will give ſuch further Order as ſhall be agreeable to Juſtice.

Mr. *Trenchard* reports from the Committee, to whom it was referred to prepare an Addreſs to His Majeſty to remove *George* Earl of *Halifax* from His Majeſties Preſence and Councils for ever. An Addreſs agreed upon by the Committee, which he Read in his place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read,

Reſolved,

That the Houſe doth agree to the ſaid Addreſs with ſome Amendments.

Ordered,

That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſties Moſt Honourable Privy Council do know his Majeſties pleaſure when this Houſe may attend him with this Addreſs.

Ordered,

That all Committees that were diſcontinued be revived, and do ſit in the places formerly appointed.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwel, *to Print theſe Votes peruſed by me according to the order of the Houſe of Commons, and that no other perſon preſume to Print them.* Nov. 22. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,
Martis 23° die Novemb. 1680.

A Petition of Sir *Thomas Holt* Serjeant at Law, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this Houſe, was Read.

Ordered,

That Sir *Thomas Holt* be called in, and do receive the Cenſure of the Houſe upon his Knees at the Bar from Mr. *Speaker*, and be then Diſcharged, paying his Fees, which was done accordingly.

Ordered,

That *William Rapley*, Bayliff of *Heſlemere*, in the County of *Surrey*, now in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, be brought to the Bar to Morrow Morning at Ten of the Clock, to receive the Cenſure of the Houſe.

Ordered,

That leave be given to bring in a Bill for continuing of Two Acts; One to prevent the Planting of Tobacco in *England*, and Regulating the Plantation Trade. The Other for Exporting of Beer, Ale and Mum.

A Bill to the ſame purpoſe being Preſented to the Houſe, was Read the Firſt time.

Reſolved,

That the Bill be Read a Second time.

Reſolved,

That a Committee be appointed to prepare a further Addreſs to His Majeſty, upon the Debate of the Houſe, humbly to deſire His Majeſty to Pardon and Remit the Fine ſet upon *Benjamin Harris*, for which he continues in Priſon.

Mr. *Serjeaverel* Reports from the Committee to whom it was referred, to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Repeal of One Act made in the 35*th.* Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth. ch.* 1. A Bill agreed upon by the Committee, which he delivered in at the Clerks Table.

The Bill being Read the Firſt time,

Reſolved,

That the Bill be Read a Second time to Morrow Morning.

Sir *Francis Ruſſel* Reports from the Committee Appointed to draw up an Humble Addreſs to His Majeſty, To deſire His Majeſty to Appoint a Day for a Solemn Faſt and Humiliation, to be kept throughout the Kingdom, An Addreſs agreed on by the Committee, which he Read in his place; And afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read was upon the Queſtion agreed to.

Reſolved,

That the Lords Concurrence be deſired to the ſaid Addreſs. And that Sir *Francis Ruſſel* do Attend the Lords with the ſame, and deſire their Concurrence.

A Petition of *Ann Bedlow* Widdow and Relict of Captain *William Bedlow* Deceaſed, was Read.

Reſolved,

That an Humble Application be made to His Majeſty from this Houſe by ſuch Members thereof, as are of His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council, to Deſire His Majeſty to take into His Conſideration, the Condition of the ſaid Mrs. *Bedlow*; and to Grant her ſome Allowance for her Subſiſtence.

Sir *Francis Ruſſel* Acquaints the Houſe, That in purſuance of the Order of the Houſe, he had Attended the Lords with the Addreſs; and that their Lordſhips returned Anſwer,

That they had taken the ſaid Addreſs into their Conſideration, and had Agreed to it according to the Deſire of this Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Attorney* General be deſired to Attend this Houſe to Morrow Morning, to give the Houſe an Account touching the Proclamation, Stiled *A Proclamation againſt Tumultuous Petitioning*.

Several Perſons that ſerved upon the Grand Jury for the County of *Middleſex*, in *Trinity* Term laſt, being called in, gave an Account to the Houſe of the manner of the Proceedings of the Court of Kings-Bench, in Diſcharging the ſaid Grand Jury.

Several Perſons being called in, gave an Account at the Bar of the Houſe, touching the Charge given by Mr. *Baron Weſton*, at the laſt Summer Aſſizes held at *Kingſton* upon *Thames*, for the County of *Surrey*, and a Debate ariſing in the Houſe upon the whole matter,

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the Diſcharging of a Grand Jury by any Judge before the end of the Term, Aſſizes or Seſſions, whilſt Matters are under their Conſideration, and not Preſented, is Arbitrary, Illegal, Deſtructive to Publick Juſtice, a manifeſt Violation of his Oath, and is a means to Subvert the Fundamental Laws of this Kingdom.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That a Committee be appointed to Examine the Proceedings of the Judges in *Weſtminſter*-Hall, and Report the ſame with their Opinions therein to this Houſe.

Sir *Edward Deering* Acquaints the Houſe, That His Majeſty having referred the Condition and Circumſtances of the ſeveral Witneſſes relating to the Popiſh Plot in *Ireland*, to the Conſideration of the Lords Commiſſioners of the *Treaſury*, and that the Commiſſioners were not as yet informed of the Names, Number and Conditions of the ſaid ſeveral Perſons, deſired the Direction of the Houſe therein.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hethrington* do Attend Mr. *Speaker*, and do Communicate to him the Names and Condition of the ſaid Witneſſes.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwel, *to Print theſe VOTES, Peruſed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Nov. 23. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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THE ADDRESS OF THE COMMONS in PARLIAMENT TO HIS MAJESTY,

To Remove

Sir George Jeffreys

Out of all Publick Offices.

WE your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Commons in Parliament Aſſembled, having received a Complaint againſt Sir *George Jeffreys* Knight, your Majeſties Chief Juſtice of *Cheſter*, and heard the Evidence concerning the ſame, and alſo what he did alledge and prove in his Defence. And being thereupon fully ſatisfied that the ſaid Sir *George Jeffreys*, well knowing that many of your Loyal Proteſtant Subjects, and particularly thoſe of your Great and Famous City of *London*, out of Zeal for the Preſervation of the Proteſtant Religion, your Majeſties Royal Perſon and Government, and in hopes to bring the Popiſh Conſpirators to ſpeedy Juſtice, were about to Petition to your Majeſty in an Humble, Dutiful and Legal way, for the Sitting of this Parliament, the ſaid Sir *George Jeffreys* not regarding his Duty to your Majeſty, or the welfare of your People,

did on purpoſe to ſerve his own private Ends, and to create a Miſ-underſtanding between your Majeſty and your Good Subjects, though diſguiſed with pretence of Service to your Majeſty, maliciouſly declared ſuch Petitioning, ſometimes to be Tumultuous, Seditious and Illegal, and at other times did preſume publickly to inſinuate and aſſert, as if your Majeſty would deprive your Citizens of *London* of their Charters, and divers other Priviledges, Immunities and Advantages, and alſo of your Royal Favour in caſe they ſhould ſo Petition, and alſo did publickly declare that in caſe they ſhould ſo Petition, there ſhould not be any Meeting or Sitting of Parliament, thereby traducing you Majeſty, as if you would not purſue your Gratious Intentions, the rather becauſe they were grateful to your good Subjects, do, in moſt humble manner beſeech your Majeſty to remove the ſaid Sir *George Jeffreys* out of the ſaid Place of Chief Juſtice of *Cheſter*, and out of all other Publick Offices and Employments under your Majeſty.

His Majeſty by Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* was pleaſed to return Anſwer to this Addreſs, That he would conſider of it.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwell, *to Print this Addreſs and Anſwer, peruſed by me according to the Order of the Houſe of Commons, and that no other Perſon preſume to Print them*, Nov. 22. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker*.

London, Printed for *John Wright* at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiſwell* at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Pauls* Church-yard, 1680.

VOTES
Of the Houſe of
COMMONS,

Mercurii 24° die Novemb. 1680.

Ordered,

THat *George Bell* of *Carliſle* in the County of *Cumberland*, Attorney at Law, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Armes attending this Houſe, to anſwer at the Bar of the Houſe, for a Breach of Priviledge by him committed againſt Sr. *Richard Grahme*, a Member of this Houſe.

Ordered,

That *Arthur Iwomans* of *Cardiffe* in the County of *Glamorgan*, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, to anſwer at the Bar of this Houſe for a notorious breach of Priviledge by him committed againſt this Houſe.

Ordered,

That *Will. Jordan* of *Glouceſter* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, to anſwer at the Bar of this Houſe for a notorious Breach of Priviledge by him committed againſt this Houſe.

Ordered,

That *John Laws* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, to anſwer at the Bar for a Breach of Priviledge by him committed againſt this Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Henry Aulnett* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, to anſwer at the Bar for a high Breach of Priviledge by him committed againſt this Houſe.

Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* acquaints the Houſe, that his Majeſty having been attended by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſties Moſt Honourable Privy Council, to know his Majeſties pleaſure when this Houſe ſhould attend him with an Addreſs, his Majeſty had appointed three of the Clock this Afternoon for the Houſe to attend him in the Banquetting-houſe at *White-hall*.

Ordered,

That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Supply the Laws againſt Bankrupcy.

Ordered,

That leave be given to bring in a Bill to take away the Court held before the Lord Preſident and Council in the Marches of *Wales*.

A Bill for Repeal of an Act made in the 35. Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, Cap. 1. was Read a Second time, And no Exceptions being made to the same,

Ordered, That the said Bill be Engrossed.

Resolved,

That an Humble Address be made to His Majesty from this House by such Members thereof as are of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, to desire His Majesty to give Orders that all Protestant Dissenters, who are Prosecuted upon any Penal Laws made against Popish Recusants in the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth* and King *James*, may be Admitted to a Composition in the Exchequer without paying any Fees.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill declaring that the Acts of Parliament made in the Reigns of Queen *Elizabeth* and King *James*, against Popish Recusants, shall not be extended against Protestant Dissenters.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Better-Uniting of all His Majesties Protestant Subjects, have power to bring in One, or more Bill or Bills for that purpose.

Mr. Attorney General being called in and Examined touching the manner of Issuing forth of the Proclamation Stiled, *A Proclamation against Tumultuous Petitions*, And giving an Account to the House, that Sir *Fr. North*, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, was advising and assisting in the drawing up and Passing of the said Proclamation; And a Debate arising in the House thereupon,

Resolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That the Evidence this day given to this House against Sr. *Fra. North*, Chief Justice of the Court of Common-Pleas, is a sufficient Ground for this House to proceed upon to an Impeachment against him for High Crimes and Misdemeanors.

Ordered,

That it be referred to the Committee appointed to examine the Proceedings of the Judges in *Westminster-Hall*, to prepare Heads of an Impeachment against the said Sr. *Francis North*, and to present the same to the House.

And the said Committee is to sit *de die in diem*.

Ordered,

That *William Rapley* Bayliff of *Haslemere* in the County of *Surrey*, being in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, be brought to the Bar of this House to morrow morning at ten of the Clock to receive the Censure of the House.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiswel, *to Print these Votes, perused by me according to the order of the House of Commons, and that no other person presume to Print them.* Nov. 24. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker*.

London, Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiswel*, at the Rose and Crown in St. *Pauls* Church-yard. 1680.

VOTES

Of the HOUSE of

COMMONS,

Jovis 25° die Novemb. 1680.

Ordered,

THat a Meſſage be ſent to the Lords, deſiring their Lordſhips to appoint a Committee, to joyn with a Committee of this Houſe, for the Adjuſting the Methods and Circumſtances relating to the Tryals of the Lords in the *Tower*, and that Mr. *Treby* do go up to the Lords with the ſaid Meſſage.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Norfolk*, againſt *Samuel Verdon*, Under-Sheriff of the ſaid County, for ſeveral Crimes and Miſdemeanours by him Committed, was Read.

Ordered,

That a Committee be Appointed to Examine the Matters contained in the ſaid Petition, and to Report the ſame with their Opinion therein to the Houſe, and it is Referred to a Committee; And the ſame Committee is likewiſe Impowered to Examine the Abuſes, Miſcarriages and Miſdemeanors Committed by all Under-Sheriffs throughout the Kingdom.

Ordered,

That the ſaid *Samuel Verdon* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this Houſe, to Anſwer at the Bar of the Houſe, for a Notorious Breach of Priviledge by him Committed againſt this Houſe.

A Petition of Mr. *Thomas Staples* being in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this Houſe, was Read.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Staples* be called in, and do receive the Cenſure of the Houſe at the Bar upon his Knees from Mr. Speaker, and that he be then Diſcharged paying his Fees, which was done accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Sir *John Coell* and Sir *Timothy Baldwyn.*

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have Commanded us to Acquaint this Houſe, that His Majeſty having been Deſired to Appoint a Time when both Houſes ſhould Attend Him with an Addreſs for a Faſt; His Majeſty was pleaſed to return Anſwer, That it is His Majeſties Pleaſure, that both Houſes do Attend Him at Three of the Clock this Afternoon in the Banquetting-Houſe.

The Articles of Impeachment againſt *Edward Seymour* Eſq; a Member of the Houſe, being Read,

Reſolved,

That the Articles be Read, One by one, and that Mr. *Seymour* do make his Anſwer to each reſpective Article in his place; which being accordingly done, and Mr. *Seymour* withdrawn:

The firſt of the ſaid Articles being Read to the Houſe, and a Debate ariſing in the Houſe thereupon,

Reſolved, That the Debate be Adjourned to Ten of the Clock to Morrow Morning.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwel, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And That no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Nov. 25. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiſwel*, at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Paul's* Church-Yard. 1680.

THE ADDRESS

Humbly preſented to His

MAJESTY

FROM

BOTH HOUSES

OF

PARLIAMENT

FOR A

Day of Humiliation.

With His

MAJESTIES Gracious ANSWER.

WE Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this preſent Parliament Aſſembled, being deeply ſenſible of the ſad and calamitous condition of this your Majeſties Kingdom, occaſioned chiefly by the impious and horrid Conſpiracies of a Popiſh Party, who have not only Plotted and Intended the deſtruction of Your Majeſties Royal Perſon; but the total Subverſion of the Government and true Religion eſtabliſht amongſt us; and finding the ſame deteſtable Machinations ſtill obſtinately proſecuted by them, as

well by fomenting diviſions amongſt your Majeſties Loyal Proteſtant Subjects, as all other the moſt wicked Contrivances, notwithſtanding the many diſcoveries thereof by Gods great mercy and wonderful providence lately brought to light; all which dreadful Judgments are now impending over us moſt deſervedly for our many and grievous ſins, and cannot otherwiſe in humane reaſon be prevented, but by the particular bleſſing of God upon the Conſultations and Endeavours of your Great Council now aſſembled in Parliament; Do in all humility beſeech your Majeſty, that by your Royal Proclamation a Day may be ſolemnly ſet apart, wherein both our ſelves and all your Majeſties Loyal Subjects may by Faſting and Prayers endeavour a Reconciliation with Almighty God, and with humble and penitent hearts implore him by his power and goodneſs to divert thoſe Judgments, and defeat the wicked counſels and devices of our Enemies, to Unite the hearts of your loyal Proteſtant Subjects, and to continue his mercy and the light of his Goſpel to us and our Poſterities, and more eſpecially to beſtow his abundant bleſſings on your Sacred Majeſty and this preſent Parliament, that our Conſultations and Endeavours may produce Honour, Safety and Proſperity to your Majeſty and your People.

His Majeſties Gracious Anſwer to this Addreſs.

That his Majeſty will give order for a Day of Humiliation as is deſired.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwell, *to Print this Addreſs and Anſwer, peruſed by me according to the Order of the Houſe of Commons, and that no other Perſon preſume to Print them,* Nov. 26. 1680.

Wi Williams. *Speaker.*

London, Printed for *John Wright* at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiſwell* at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Pauls* Church-yard, 1680.

VOTES
Of the Houſe of
COMMONS,

Veneris 26° die Novemb. 1680.

MR. *Speaker* acquaints the Houſe, that both Houſes having attended his Majeſty in the Banquetting houſe yeſterday in the afternoon, with the Addreſs for a day of Humiliation: His Majeſty was pleaſed graciouſly to anſwer, That his Majeſty will give order for a day of Humiliation, as is deſired.

Ordered, That the Cauſe concerning the Election of Members to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Burrough of *Taunton* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe to morrow morning at ten of the Clock.

A Petition of the Maſter, Wardens, Aſſiſtants and Company of Felt-makers was Read.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee to whom the Bill for encouragement of the Woollen manufacture by the general wearing thereof is committed.

A Petition of *Thomas Dare* of *Taunton*, a Priſoner in execution for a Fine of 500 *l.* ſet upon him, was Read.

Ordered, That an humble Application be made to his Majeſty from this Houſe, by ſuch Members thereof as are of his Majeſties Moſt Honourable Privy Council, to deſire his Majeſty to pardon and remit the ſaid Fine.

A Meſſage from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker, The Lords have commanded us to acquaint you, That the Lords out of their great care to expedite the Tryal of the Lord Viſcount *Stafford* on *Tueſday* next, having agreed upon ſome rules and directions to be obſerved at the ſaid Tryal, which they thought fit to communicate to this Houſe; and delivered in a Paper containing the ſaid Rules.

Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* acquaints the Houſe, That his Majeſty had been attended by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of his Majeſties Moſt Honourable Privy Council with an Addreſs concerning the Proteſtant Diſſenters, and that his Majeſties Anſwer is, That they ſhall be diſcharged, and without Fees, as far as may be done according to Law, and that they ſhall be recommended to the Judges.

Mr. *Treby* acquaints the Houſe, That he had attended the Lords with the Meſſage, deſiring their Lordſhips to appoint a Committee to join with a Committee of this Houſe for adjuſting the matters and Circumſtances relating to the Tryals of the Lords in the *Tower*: That they would ſend an anſwer to this Houſe by Meſſengers of their own.

Sr. *Will. Poultney* reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, that the ſaid Committee having taken into Conſideration the matter touching the Election and Return of Members to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Burrough of *Monmouth* in the County of *Monmouth*, had agreed upon four ſeveral Reſolves, which he Read in his place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read, are as followeth,

Reſolved, That the Election of a Burgeſs to ſerve in Parliament for the Burrough of *Monmouth*, doth not belong to the Burgeſſes Inhabitants of the Burrough of *Monmouth* only.

Reſolved, That the Burgeſſes, Inhabitants of the Burroughs of *Newport* and *Uske* in the County of *Monmouth*, have a Right to Vote in the Election of a Burgeſs to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Burrough of *Monmouth*.

Reſolved, That *Charles* Lord *Herbert* is not duly Elected Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Burrough of *Monmouth*.

Reſolved, That *John Arnold* Eſq; is duly Elected Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Burrough of *Monmouth*.

To all which Reſolves the Houſe agreed.

Sr. *John Trevor* Reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, That the Committee having taken into conſideration the matter touching the Election and Return for *Weſtbury* in the County of *Wilts*, had agreed upon Four ſeveral Reſolves, which he Read in his place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read, are as followeth:

Reſolved, That *Henry Bertie* Eſq; is not duly Elected Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Burrough of *Weſtbury* in the County of *Wilts*.

Reſolved, That *Richard Lewis* Eſquire is not duly Elected Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Burrough of *Weſtbury* in the County of *Wilts*.

Reſolved, That *William Trenchard* Eſq; is duly Elected Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Burrough of *Weſtbury* in the County of *Wilts*.

Reſolved, That *Edward Norton* Eſq; is duly Elected Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Burrough of *Weſtbury* in the County of *Wilts*.

To all which Reſolves the Houſe agreed.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend to morrow morning at ten of the Clock to amend the Return for the ſaid Burrough of *Weſtbury*.

The Houſe being informed from the Chairman of the ſaid Committee, of ſeveral Miſcarriages and Miſdemeanors committed by *Samuel Gibbs* late Mayor of the ſaid Burrough of *Weſtbury* in the ſaid Election.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Samuel Gibbs* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, attending this Houſe to Anſwer at the Bar of this Houſe, for the great Miſdemeanors by him Committed in the ſaid Election.

Ordered, That Mr. *Treby* do make his Reports touching the Elections for the Burrough of *Agmondeſham* in the County of *Bucks*, and for the Burrough of *Marlborough* in the County of *Wilts* on *Munday* morning next.

The Clerk of the Crown being called in, amended the Return for the Burrough of *Monmouth* by razing out the name of *Charles* Lord *Herbert*, and inſerting the name of *John Arnold* Eſq; inſtead thereof.

An Ingroſſed Bill for the Repeal of an Act made in the 35*th* year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth* was Read the third time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs, and that the Title be An Act for the Repeal of a Statute made in the 35*th* year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, and that Sir *Eliab Harvey* do carry up the Bill to the Lords for their Concurrence.

William Rapley, late Bayliff of the Burrough of *Haſlemere* in the County of *Surrey*, being brought to the Barr, and there kneeling received the Cenſure of this Houſe from *Mr. Speaker*, and was diſcharged from the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, paying his fees.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better diſcovery of ſettlements of Eſtates for ſuperſtitious uſes.

The Houſe then reſumed the adjourned debate relating to the Impeachment againſt *Edward Seymour* Eſq; a Member of this Houſe.

The Queſtion being put, That the Conſideration of the Articles of Impeachment againſt Mr. *Seymour* be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, upon ſeveral Queſtions, That there is matter ſufficient in the four Articles to Impeach Mr. *Seymour*.

Reſolved, That Mr. *Seymour* be impeached upon theſe Articles.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to prepare the ſaid Impeachments.

Ordered, That it be referred to the ſame Committee to Conſider of Precedents concerning the Committing of a Member to Cuſtody, when Impeached in Parliament, and to report the ſame to the Houſe.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwel, *to Print theſe Votes, peruſed by me according to the order of the Houſe of Commons, and that no other perſon preſume to Print them.* Nov. 26. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate hill*, and *Richard Chiſwel*, at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Pauls* Church-yard. 1680.

I Appoint *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, to Print this Information, According to the Order of the HOUSE of COMMONS; And that no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame. *Novemb.* 10th 1680.

Wi WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

THE

INFORMATION

OF

Thomas Dangerfield,

GENT.

Delivered at the BAR of the

HOUSE of COMMONS,

Tueſday the Twenty ſixth day of *October*,

In the Year of our Lord 1680.

Peruſed and Signed to be Printed, According to the Order of the Houſe of Commons,

BY ME

***William Williams*, Speaker.**

LONDON,
Printed by the Aſſigns of *John Bill*, *Thomas Newcomb*, and *Henry Hills*, Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty. 1680.

THE INFORMATION OF *THOMAS DANGERFIELD* GENT.

About the Months of September *or* October 1679.

WHen Mrs. *Cellier* and my ſelf waited on the Lord *Peterborough*, to be Introduced to his Highneſs the Duke of *York*, his Lordſhip enquired of me, If the Lady *Powis* had given me any directions how to Diſcourſe the Duke? I replyed, She had. Then he deſired to know what they were. Upon which I ſhewed his Lordſhip a little Book; in which was contained a Scheme, and the pretended Diſcovery which I had made in the Presbyterian Plot. Which Book his Lordſhip carefully peruſed, and finding ſome omiſſi-

on therein, he ordered me to Write, while his Lordſhip did Dictate to me theſe words, *viz.* That the Presbyterian Party intended to make an Inſurrection in the North, and ſo to joyn with an Army of the Scots. Immediately after this his Lordſhip took us into the Dukes Cloſet (at *Whitehall*) where we both kiſſed his hand: and me he took from the ground (for I was kneeling.) Then I gave his Highneſs the aforementioned little Book, which he, after ſome ſhort peruſal thereof, thanked me for: and alſo for my diligence in the Catholick Cauſe: Did adviſe me to go on, and wiſhed good ſucceſs to all my Undertakings: Adding in theſe very words, *viz.* That the Presbyterian Plot was a thing of moſt mighty conſequence, and if well managed, would be very Conducible to the Safety of the Catholick Cauſe: and I do not queſtion but the Effects of it will anſwer our Expectation, eſpecially in the Northern parts: where I am well aſſured the Major Part of the Gentry are my Friends, and have given ſufficient Demonſtration of their affections to me, as alſo of their intentions to proſecute this Presbyterian Plot to the utmoſt; for they are no Strangers to the Deſign.

Immediately after this his Highneſs ordered that Mrs. *Cellier* and my ſelf (in the hearing of the Lord *Peterborough*, who was privy to the whole Diſcourſe) to be very careful of what we Communicated to the perſons who were to be the Witneſſes in that new Plot, leſt we should be caught in the Subornation, and ſo bring a terrible Odium upon the Catholicks, and make our ſelves uncapable of any further Service. After this the

Duke

Duke informed us, That in a Month or two's time the Commiſſions would be ready: but ordered us in the mean time to bring our part to bear with the Commiſſions: and particularly ordered me to find out ſome perſons (as there was enough ſuch among the Catholicks, as well as elſewhere) which were fit to be Truſted, and that ſhould accept of ſuch Commiſſions, which ſhould be delivered them by a perſon appointed for that purpoſe, but not to be known to them to be any other but a Presbyterian: So that when occaſion ſhould require, they might, together with thoſe which we then had, be ready to ſwear in the Plot, and that the Presbyterians were raiſing Forces againſt the King and Government, and had given out Commiſſions to that purpoſe. And in order to this, I did in ſome ſhort time after, procure one *Bedford*, *Curtice*, *Grey*, *Hill*, *Hopkins*, and others, to accept of ſuch Commiſſions, when they ſhould be ready: whoſe buſineſs in the mean time was, to ſpread Reports in the Coffee-houſes, That the Popiſh Plot was a Contrivance of the Presbyterians, *&c.*

Now for our encouragement in the proſecution of that Sham-Plot, the Duke promiſed that he would take care that Money ſhould not be wanting: but ordered us to uſe all the expedition the thing would allow, to make a Diſcovery thereof to the King. After which the Duke ſaid, The Catholick Party would be eaſed of the Charge, in regard he was ſure it would be defrayed ſome other way.

Then the Duke made divers Vows, and bitter Execrations, to ſtand by us in the thing: and engaged on his Honour to be our Rewarder. Adding,

ding, That ſuch Conſiderable Services were not to be ſlighted: and further promiſed, that to whoſe lot ſoever it ſhould happen to be impriſoned, according to their fidelity and ſtedfaſtneſs in the Cauſe, ſo much the more ſhould their Reward be augmented: and that all care poſſible ſhould be uſed to ſupport and preſerve them: but particularly deſiring me to keep up to the courageous and active Character which his Highneſs had heard of me. All which I promiſed to do. Whereupon we withdrew to the Lord *Peterboroughs* Lodging, where we continued till his Lordſhip had Introduced Sir *Robert Peyton* to the Duke. Which being done, his Lordſhip left them together, as he ſaid, and came to us: where among other Diſcourſe his Lordſhip told me, I had a great opportunity to make my Fortune what I would my ſelf, if I would but follow the advice of his Maſter the Duke of *York*, who, as his Lordſhip ſaid, would certainly be my King in a very ſhort time. Adding, that I muſt be reſolute in my undertakings: For, ſaid he, the Duke much affects Reſolution, but hates mortally the timorous man.

Then I anſwered his Lordſhip, That I valued not my Life, provided, to loſe it would be ſerviceable to the Duke's Intereſt. At which Expreſſion he ſeemed fully ſatisfied; and from that time called me Captain *Willoughby*: and at our coming away, his Lordſhip gave particular order to his Servants, That at what time ſoever, day, or night, either Mrs. *Cellier*, or my ſelf, ſhould come to ſpeak with his Lordſhip, we ſhould be forthwith admitted. And then we parted.

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Some ſhort time after, I went to wait on his Lordſhip from the Lady *Powis*, at midnight, to deſire him to move the Duke, to get me with all expedition to the King: for then I was ready.

About four days after this, his Lordſhip ſent for me, and took me to the Duke again (who was in his Cloſet at *Whitehall*) and the Duke told me, I muſt prepare my ſelf to wait on the King, to give His Majeſty a more particular Account of the Presbyterian Plot than what the little Book made mention of, (which Book, the Duke ſaid, he had given to the King) and that he had ſo ordered the matter, that I ſhould be furniſhed with Money, to enable me in the proſecution thereof. But his Highneſs charged me to conſider well my Story, before I waited on the King.

Then the Duke told me, I had gained, by my Diligence, a good Reputation among the Catholicks, and that I ſhould highly merit by my Services to that Cauſe: adding, That I ſhould in a ſhort time ſee the Catholick Religion flouriſh in theſe Kingdoms; and Hereſie torn up by the roots: And that he had heard of the Propoſal which had been made me by the Lords, *Powis*, and *Arundel*, about taking off the King, and of my refuſal; as alſo of what I had accepted, touching my Lord *Shaftsbury*, and of all my Tranſactions in the Presbyterian Plot: ſaying in theſe very words, *viz.* If you value the Religion you profeſs, my Intereſt, (as you ſay you do) and your own future Happineſs, take my Advice, and depend upon my Honour and Intereſt for your Advancement: For, Sir, you look like a Man of Courage and Wit;

therefore leſs Diſcourſe may ſerve with you than another: So that if you will but move by the Meaſures which I will give you, you ſhall not only eſcape with ſafety, but be rewarded according to the greatneſs of your Actions.

To all this I replied, I would ſtand and fall in the Defence of the Roman Catholick Religion, and his Highneſs Service; and was not a little concerned for my refuſing to kill the King, whom I was then well ſatisfied by my Ghoſtly Father, ſtood condemned as an Heretick. But this I did offer, That if his Highneſs would Command me to the Attempt, I would not fail either to accompliſh it, or loſe my Life.

Upon which the Duke gave me Twenty Guineys, and ſaid, If I would be but vigorous in what I had undertaken already, he would ſo order it, that my Life ſhould not be in the leaſt danger: adding in theſe words, *viz.* We are not to have Men taken in ſuch daring Actions, but to have them make an effectual Diſpatch, and be gone. Upon which I took my leave.

Some ſhort time after this, when I was ready to convey the Letters into Colonel *Manſel's* Chamber, I went to the Lord *Peterborough*, who brought me to the Duke, to whom I told, how I was ready to fix the Letters in the Colonel's Chamber. To which his Highneſs anſwered, I muſt make haſte, that I might be Impowered to make a general Search of the like nature. For ſaid the Duke in theſe words, *viz.* Since I ſaw you laſt, the Lady *Powis* has informed me, That there are abundance of Letters and Witneſſes ready: ſo that 'tis now high time to begin. By this time there was ſome great

Man come to wait on the Duke, ſo I withdrew.

About four days after this, when I had been preſſing earneſtly with Mr. Secretary *Coventry*, for a Warrant, and could not prevail, I went to the Lord *Peterborough's*, and did deſire his Lordſhip to make application to the Duke, to uſe ſome means for a Warrant. To which his Lordſhip anſwered, 'Twas my fault there was not a Warrant granted, and that the Duke was ſenſible of my neglecting to make an Affidavit. So that now he did begin to doubt my Courage.

Thomas Dangerfield.

In and about the Months of June, July *or* August 1679.

THe Countess of *Powis* sent me with a Letter to the Lord Privy Seal, who was then at his Lordships house in *Kensington*: but the Contents of the Letter I remember not, more than that it was to pray some favour in the behalf of one *Anderson* alias *Munson*, a Priest, and then in the *Kings Bench*, and was reported to know something of the Plot. Which Papers contained matter of Fact, drawn up to render *Stroud*'s Testimony invalid, in case he should make any Discovery. And by my Ladies order I was to pray his Lordship to take the Papers: so that if *Stroud* should be sent for on Examination before the Council, that his Lordship would produce them to stop his Evidence: which his Lordship promised to do. But *Stroud* was not sent for, and so the Papers were of no use: but I suppose they may still remain with his Lordship.

At the same time I did, by Order from the Lady *Powis*, inform his Lordship, That the Presbyterian Plot would be ready for Discovery in a Months time. To which his Lordship answered, that I should tell the Lady *Powis*, He was of opinion that a Month would be too soon, in regard things then moved with too much violence, for such an Affair to have any Success. So I took my leave.

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Some ſhort time after I went, by the Lord *Powis's* Order, with another Letter to his Lorſhip; the Contents of which I never knew: But was ordered to acquaint his Lordſhip; That the Presbyterian Plot ſtill went on, and that we had divers Letters and Witneſſes ready, to lay open the matter, when it ſhould be thought fit. To which his Lordſhip anſwered, He feared the Lords in the *Tower* were too vigorous in that Deſign: but promiſed, when the rigorous Proſecution againſt the Catholicks were ſomewhat abated, he did intend to move it to the King and Council. Adding, That if things of that nature were but well timed, they could not fail of Succeſs. So I took my leave.

Some time after, Miſtreſs *Cellier* and my ſelf went to wait on his Lordſhip at *Kenſington*; where we both had admittance. Then 'twas Miſtreſs *Cellier*, in my hearing, informed his Lordſhip, That ſhe came in the name of her Great Maſter (the Duke of *York*) and at the moſt earneſt requeſt of the Lords in the *Tower*; to pray his Lordſhip to uſe ſome means, that the Proceedings againſt the Catholicks might be more eaſie, and that the Preſbyterian Plot might be diſcovered. Then his Lordſhip deſired her to let the Lords in the *Tower* know, that he was not idle in the Conſidering their Safety: For, added his Lordſhip, in theſe words, I have my ſelf diſcourſed lately with all the great Miniſters of our party, and my Lord *Peterborough* has done the ſame, and we both find there is favour intended: but we muſt wait the time: For things of that nature muſt be moved gently, or the whole Royal Party may be deſtroyed at once, for there are many eyes upon us.

Then Miſtreſs *Cellier* informed his Lordſhip, That Sir *George Wakemans* Trial had broken the Ice, and of the great difficulty there was in prevailing with the Lord C. J. to come over: and alſo of the Meeting that was between the Lady *Powis* and the Lord C. J. To which his Lordſhip replied, That the Lord C. J. had taken more time to Conſider of his part, than Five other far greater men had done (who they were I know not) and that his Lordſhip was forc'd to ſhew the Lord C. J. the Duke of *Yorks* Letter, before he would believe any thing. Nay, ſaid his Lorſhip, notwithſtanding this I was forc'd to get a particular Letter ſent him from the Duke, before he would make any promiſe. Truly, Madam, ſaid his Lordſhip, 'tis no ſmall pains I take to ſerve the Duke, and their Lordſhips, and that you may aſſure them.

Then Miſtreſs *Cellier* acquainted his Lordſhip, That *Dugdale* was come about, and intended to throw himſelf at the Dukes feet, with a Recantation of all that he had ſworn in the Plot. And, ſaid ſhe, I am, in the name of the Lords, to pray your Lordſhip he may be ſecured in your houſe, as being a place more proper than any other. To this his Lordſhip anſwered, He was glad to hear of Mr. *Dugdale's* ingenuity in that Affair, and did aſſure Mrs. *Cellier*, that *Dugdale* ſhould be entertained in his Houſe, and that his Lordſhip's Prieſt ſhould be his Companion: ſo that it ſhould be impoſſible for him to do any more miſchief. But his Lordſhip deſired ſhe would tell the Lords, They muſt uſe all the means imaginable to get him ſent beyond Sea, leſt a too ſtrict Enquiry ſhould be made after him.

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To which Mrs. *Cellier* replied thus; My Lord, we do not intend he ſhall ſtay in your Lordſhip's Houſe above Nine or Ten days: for though he muſt do us Service by a general Recantation, yet we can never think him ſafe, till we have got him into the Inquiſition: for ſuch perſons are to be encouraged, not truſted. So upon this his Lordſhip ſent a Compliment to the Lords in the Tower, and ſo we came away.

Thomas Dangerfield.

Jurat. viceſimo die
Octobris, 1680.
Coram nobis

Will. Roberts.

Will. Pulteney.

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The Humble

ADDRESS

OF THE

COMMONS in PARLIAMENT

Preſented to His

MAJESTY,

To Remove

GEORGE Earl of *HALLIFAX*

From his Preſence and Counſels.

WITH HIS

MAJESTIE'S ANSWER.

WEE Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Commons in this preſent Parliament Aſſembled, being deeply ſenſible of the manifold dangers and miſchiefs, which have been occaſioned to this Your Kingdom by the Diſſolution of the laſt Parliament, and by the frequent Prorogations of this preſent Parliament, whereby the Papiſts have been greatly encouraged to carry on their helliſh and damnable Conſpiracies againſt Your Royal Perſon and Government, and the Proteſtant Religion now eſtabliſhed amongſt us, and have had many opportunities to contrive falſe and malicious Plots againſt the Lives and Honours of ſeveral of Your loyal Proteſtant Subjects; And having juſt reaſon to believe that the ſaid Diſſolution was promoted by the evil and pernicious counſels of *George* Earl of *Halliſax*; Do therefore moſt humbly pray

Your Majeſty, for the taking away of occaſions of diſtruſt and jealouſie between Your Majeſty and Your Loyal Commons, and that we may with greater chearfulneſs proceed to perfect thoſe matters now before us, which tend to the ſafety and honour of Your Sacred Perſon and Government, and to the preſervation of the true Proteſtant Religion both to our Selves and our Poſterity, That You would be graciouſly pleaſed to remove the ſaid *George* Earl of *Halifax* from your Preſence and Counſels for ever.

His Majeſties Anſwer to the Addreſs.

CHARLES R.

HIs Majeſty having received the Addreſs of this Houſe relating to the Earl of Hallifax, *hath thought fit to return this Anſwer.*

That He conceives the ſaid Addreſs to be lyable to ſeveral Exceptions, but having a great deſire to preſerve all poſſible good underſtanding with this Houſe, He chooſes to decline to enter into particulars, to avoid all occaſions of diſpute.

He therefore thinks fit to tell them, that He doth not find the grounds in the Addreſs of this Houſe to be ſufficient to induce Him to remove the Earl of Hallifax; *But He aſſures them at the ſame time, that whenever this Houſe ſhall in a due and regular courſe prove any Crime either againſt the ſaid Earl of* Hallifax, *or any other Perſon, who either now is, or ſhall hereafter be in his Councels, He will leave him or them to their own legal defence without interpoſing to protect them.*

I Appoint John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwell, *to Print this Addreſs and Anſwer, peruſed by me according to the Order of the Houſe of Commons, and that no other Perſon preſume to Print them,* Nov. 26. 1680.

Wi Williams. *Speaker.*

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With the VOTE of the COMMONS in PARLIAMENT Upon the Said ARTICLES.

Articles of Impeachment of High Crimes, Misdemeanours and Offences against Edward Seymour *Esq; one of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, Treasurer of His Majesties Navy, and one of the Members of the House of Commons now in Parliament Assembled.*

Inprimis,

THat, Whereas the Sum of Five hundred eighty four thousand nine hundred seventy eight Pound, Two shillings, Two pence, was raised by an Act of Parliament, for the speedy building of Thirty Ships of War, and thereby appropriated to the said Use; By which Act it was particularly directed, that the Treasurer of the Navy should keep all Moneys payed to him by vertue of the said Act, distinct and apart from all other Moneys, and should Issue and Pay the same by Warrant of the Principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy, or any Three or more of them; and mentioning and expressing, that it is for the Building, for the Guns, Rigging and other Furnishing of the said Thirty Ships of War, and to no other Use, Intent, or purpose whatsoever; He the said *Edward Seymour*, on or about the year One thousand six hundred seventy seven, being then Treasurer of the Navy, did, contrary to the said Act, and contrary to the Duty of his said Office, lend the Sum of Ninty thousand Pound (at Eight *per Cent.*) parcel of the said Sum raised by the said Act (being then in his hands) for and towards the support and continuance of the Army then raised, after such time as by an Act of Parliament the said Army ought to have been Disbanded, whereby the said two several Acts were Eluded, and the said Army was continued and kept on foot to the great Disturbance, Hazard and Danger of the Peace and safety of the Kingdom; And the Nation was afterwards put to a new Charge of raising and paying the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pound for the Disbanding of the said Army.

Secondly, That Whereas an Act of Parliament had passed for Raising of Money by a Poll for Enabling His Majesty to enter into an Actual War against the *French* King, and the Money raised by vertue of the said Act, was thereby appropriated to the said Use, and to the Repayment of such Persons as should furnish His Majesty with any Sums of Money, or any Stores necessary for the said Service.

And Whereas certain East-land Merchants were desired by His Majesties Officers to furnish and supply great quantities of Stores for the Navy; and as an Incouragement thereunto, were assured, that the Sum of Fourty thousand Pound, parcel of the Moneys raised by the said Act, was at that time actually in the hands of the said *Edward Seymour*, (which he did acknowledge so to be) and did promise the said Sum should be payed to the said Merchants in part of satisfaction for the said Stores, which they did furnish upon the Credit of the said Affirmation and Undertaking. He the said *Edward Seymour* did on or about the Year One thousand six hundred seventy eight, issue out and pay the said Sum to the Victuallers of the Navy by way of Advance, and for Provisions not then brought in, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act; Whereas, the same by the Provision of the said Act, ought to have been payed to the East-land Merchants, who had furnished His Majesty with Flax, Hemp, and other Necessaries for the said Service; Of which said Deceipt and Injustice the said Merchants did complain in the last Parliament.

Thirdly, That the said *Edward Seymour* being Treasurer of the Navy, and then and still having a Salary of 3000 *l. per Annum* clear for the same, did, during the time that he was Speaker of the late long Parliament, receive out of the Moneys Appointed for secret Service, the Yearly sum of 3000 *l.* over and above his said Salary, which was constantly payed to him, as well during the Intervals as the Sessions of Parliament; and particularly, during the Prorogation of Fifteen Months.

Fourthly, That on or about the Eighteenth Year of His Majesties Reign, and during a War with the States General of the United *Netherlands*; He the said *Edward Seymour*, being then one of the Commissioners for Prize Goods, did, Fraudulently, Unlawfully, and in Deceipt of His Majesty, Unlade a certain Prize Ship, taken from the Subjects of the said States, without any Order or Authority for the same, and did House the Lading and Goods of the said Ship, and Lock up the same without the presence of any Store-keeper, and did afterwards sell the same, pretending the same to be only *Muscarado* Sugars, and did Account with His Majesty for the same as such; Whereas in Truth, the said Ship was Laden with *Cochineal* and *Indico*, rich Merchandises of a very great Value.

Veneris 26° Nov. 1680.

Resolved,

THat there is sufficient Matter in these Articles for the Impeachment of *Edward Seymour* Esq; a Member of this House; And that he be Impeached upon these Articles.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiswel, *to Print these Articles and Vote, Perused by me, according to the Order of the House of Commons; And that no other Person presume to Print them.* 26 Nov. 1680.

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Reſolved,

That the Bill be Read a Second time on Wedneſday Morning next at Ten of the Clock.

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And Whereas certain Eaſt-land Merchants were deſired by His Majeſties Officers to furniſh and ſupply great quantities of Stores for the Navy; and as an Incouragement thereunto, were aſſured, that the Sum of Fourty thouſand Pound, parcel of the Moneys raiſed by the ſaid Act, was at that time actually in the hands of the ſaid *Edward Seymour*, (which he did acknowledge ſo to be) and did promiſe the ſaid Sum ſhould be payed to the ſaid Merchants in part of ſatisfaction for the ſaid Stores, which they did furniſh upon the Credit of the ſaid Affirmation and Undertaking. He the ſaid *Edward Seymour* did on or about the Year One thouſand ſix hundred ſeventy eight, iſſue out and pay the ſaid Sum to the Victuallers of the Navy by way of Advance, and for Proviſions not then brought in, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid Act; Whereas, the ſame by the Proviſion of the ſaid Act, ought to have been payed to the Eaſt-land Merchants, who had furniſhed His Majeſty with Flax, Hemp, and other Neceſſaries for the ſaid Service; Of which ſaid Deceipt and Injuſtice the ſaid Merchants did complain in the laſt Parliament.

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A Bill for the taking away of the Court holden before the President and Council in the Marches of *Wales*, was Read the First time.

Reſolved,

That the Bill be Read a Second time on Wedneſday Morning next at Ten of the Clock.

The Clerk of the Crown being called in, amended the Return for *Weſtbury* in the County of *Wilts*, by razing out the Names of *Richard Lewis* and *Henry Bertie* Eſquires and inſerting the Names of *Edward Norton* and *William Trenchard* Eſquires inſtead thereof.

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The ſecond Reſolve being Read a ſecond time,

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That this Houſe doth Agree with the Committee, That *John Hall* Eſq; is duly Elected a Burgeſs to Serve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Burrough of *Wells*.

The Clerk of the Crown being called in, amended the Return for the ſaid Burrough of *Wells*, by razing out the Name of *Edward Berkley* Eſq; and inſerting the Name of *John Hall* Eſq; inſtead thereof.

Ordered,

That Sir *William Waller* be added to the Committee appointed to prepare Evidence againſt the Lords in the *Tower*.

Ordered,

That an Humble Application be made to His Majeſty from this Houſe by ſuch Members thereof as are of His Majeſties Moſt Honourable Privy-Council, to deſire His Majeſty to grant a full and general Pardon to Mr. *Bernard Denis*.

Colonel *Birch* Reports from the Committee to whom the Conſideration of the Petition of Sir *Thomas Whitgrave*, *Francis Eld* and *Sampſon Birch* was Referred, That the Committee having Examined the Matter relating to *Sampſon Birch*, had Ordered him to make the following Report.

Reſolved,

That Mr. *Sampſon Birch* is Guilty of the Information charged againſt him.

That the ſaid *Birch* Keeper of the Priſon at *Stafford* his ſuffering *Bromage* a Popiſh Prieſt committed to his Cuſtody and Condemned, to walk abroad is contrary to Law.

To which Reſolves the Houſe Agreed.

Mr. *Hampden* Reports from the Committee Appointed, to prepare an Addreſs to His Majeſty, upon the Debate of the Houſe, Humbly Repreſenting the Dangerous State and Condition of this Kingdom, in Anſwer to His Majeſties Meſſage relating to *Tangier*. An Addreſs agreed upon by the Committee, which He read in His Place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read, was, upon the Queſtion agreed to, by the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Timothy Baldwyn* and Sir *Samuel Clark*.

Mr. *Speaker*,

The Lords have Appointed a Committee of 5 Lords, to meet with a Committee of this Houſe, to Adjuſt the Methods and Circumſtances in the Trial of the Lord Viſcount *Stafford*, and have Appointed the Five Lords to meet this Afternoon at Three of the Clock, in the Inner Court of Wards.

Reſolved,

That a Committee be Appointed of Ten Members of this Houſe, to meet the Committee of Lords, to Adjuſt the Methods and Circumſtances in the Trial of the Lord Viſcount *Stafford*.

Ordered,

That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council, be deſired to know His Majeſties pleaſure when this Houſe may Attend His Majeſty with the laſt mentioned Addreſs.

Ordered,

That the Matter touching the Election for *Taunton*, in the County of *Somerſet*, be heard at the Bar of the Houſe, on *Wedneſday* Morning next.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwel, *to Print theſe VOTES, Peruſed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Nov. 27. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES
Of the House of
COMMONS,

Lunæ 29° die Novemb. 1680.

A Bill for ascertaining Fines upon Convictions for Misdemeanors, was Read the First time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be Read a Second time.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Repeal of part of the Law already made for regulating the Fishing in the River *Severne*.

Ordered,

That the Executors of Sir *Matthew Hale*, late Chief Justice of the Court of Kings Bench, be desired to Print his Manuscripts relating to the Crown Law. And a Committee is appointed to take care of the true Printing thereof.

Ordered,

That the said *Edward Brett* of *Staffordshire* be discharged from his further Imprisonment, by Order of this House.

Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* acquaints the House, that he having according to the Order of the House, attended His Majesty to know His Majesties Pleasure when this House should attend him with the Address, His Majesty was pleased to appoint this House to attend him at three of the Clock this Afternoon in the Banqueting House.

And further acquaints the House, that His Majesty being humbly moved according to the Order of the House, for a

Pardon for *Bernard Dennis*, was graciously pleased to grant the same; And though neither the said *Bernard Dennis*, nor any other by his Appointment, did carry on the said Pardon to the Seals, yet the same, together with the Pardon granted to Mr. *Turbervile* were now ready under the great Seal; And the Directions of the House were desired, into what hands to put the same.

Ordered,

That the said Pardons be lodged in Mr. *Trebey*'s hands for the Service of the House, and benefit of the said Persons.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of this House do *de die in diem* attend the Committee appointed to examine Precedents touching the Committing of Members of this House to the Custody of the Serjeant at Arms when Impeached in Parliament.

A Petition of Mr. *Tho. Dangerfeild* was Read.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed forthwith to inspect Mr. *Dangerfeild*'s Pardon as to the Validity thereof; and likewise to examine what Allowances now are, or formerly have been made to Mr. *Dangerfeild* from His Majesty, and to consider the Alterations and other Circumstances of his Allowances, and to Report the same to the House.

Ordered,

That the Members of this House do Sit together, without mingling with other persons in the place prepared for them at the Tryal of the Lord Viscount *Stafford*, and Mr. *Howard*. Captain of the Yeomen of the Guards is desired to take care thereof.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiswell, *to Print these Votes, perused by me according to the Order of the House of Commons, and that no other person presume to Print them.* Nov. 29. 1680.

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I Appoint *John Wright*, and *Richard Chiſwel*, to Print this MESSAGE and ADDRESS, Peruſed by me, According to the Order of the HOUSE of COMMONS; And that no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame. *Nov.* 29. 1680.

Wi WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

HIS

MAJESTIES

MESSAGE

TO THE

COMMONS in PARLIAMENT,

Relating to *TANGIER.*

AND THE HUMBLE

ADDRESS

OF THE

COMMONS

TO HIS

MAJESTY,

In Anſwer to that MESSAGE.

Preſented upon *Monday* 29. *Nov.* 1680.

LONDON,
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HIS MAJESTIES MESSAGE TO THE COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT.

CHARLES REX.

HIS Majesty did in His Speech, at the opening of this Session, desire the Advice and Assistance of His Parliament, in relation

to *Tangier*: The Condition and Importance of the Place obliges His Majeſty to put this Houſe in mind again, That He relies upon them for the Support of it, without which it cannot be much longer Preſerved. His Majeſty does therefore very earneſtly Recommend *Tangier* again to the due and ſpeedy Conſideration and Care of this Houſe.

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ADDRESS

OF THE

COMMONS

IN

PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED,

Presented to His

MAJESTY.

Monday 29th. day of *Nov.* 1680.

May it please your Most Excellent Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Obedient and Loyal Subjects, The Commons in Parliament Assembled, having with all Duty and Regard taken into our Serious Consideration Your Majesties late Message relating to *Tangier*, cannot but account the present Condition of it, as Your Majesty

jeſty is Pleaſed to Repreſent it in Your ſaid Meſſage, (after ſo vaſt a Treaſure expended to make it Uſeful) not only as one Infelicity more added to the afflicted Eſtate of Your Majeſties faithful and Loyal Subjects, But as one reſult alſo of the ſame Counſels and Deſigns which have brought Your Majeſties Perſon, Crown and Kingdoms into thoſe great and imminent Dangers, with which at this day they are ſurrounded; And we are the leſs ſurprized to hear of the Exigencies of *Tangier*, when we remember that ſince it became part of Your Majeſties Dominions, it hath ſeveral times been under the Command of Popiſh Governors, (particularly for ſome time under the Command of a Lord Impeached, and now Priſoner in the *Tower* for the Execrable and Horrid Popiſh Plot) That the Supplies ſent thither have been in great part made up of Popiſh Officers and Soldiers, and that the *Iriſh* Papiſts amongſt the Soldiers of that Garriſon, have been the Perſons moſt Countenanced and Encouraged.

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To that Part of Your Majeſties Meſſage, which expreſſes a Relyance upon this Houſe for the Support of *Tangier*, and a Recommendation of it to Our ſpeedy Care, We do with all Humility and Reverence, give this Anſwer, That although in due Time and Order, We ſhall omit nothing Incumbent on Us, for the Preſervation of every Part of Your Majeſties Dominions, and Advancing the Proſperity, and flouriſhing Eſtate of this Your Kingdom; yet at this time, when a Cloud which has long threatned this Land, is ready to break upon Our Heads, in a Storm of Ruine and Confuſion, to enter into any further Conſideration of this Matter; eſpecially, to come to any Reſolutions in it, before We are effectually Secured from the Imminent, and Apparent Dangers ariſing from the Power of Popiſh Perſons and Councils, We humbly conceive, will not conſiſt either with Our Duty to Your Majeſty, or the Truſt repoſed in Us by thoſe We repreſent.

It is not unknown to Your Ma-

jeſty how reſtleſs the Endeavours, and how bold the Attempts of the Popiſh Party, for many Years laſt paſt, have been, not only within this, but other Your Majeſties Kingdoms, to Introduce the Romiſh, and utterly to Extirpate the True Proteſtant Religion. The ſeveral Approaches they have made towards the Compaſſing this their Deſigne, (aſſiſted by the Treachery of Perfidious Proteſtants,) have been ſo ſtrangely Succeſsful, that 'tis Matter of Admiration to Us, and which We can only aſcribe to an Over-ruling Providence, that Your Majeſties Reign is ſtill continued over Us, and that We are yet Aſſembled to Conſult the Means of our Preſervation: This Bloody and Reſtleſs Party, not content with the great Liberty they had a long time enjoyed, to exerciſe their own Religion privately amongſt themſelves, to partake of an equal Freedom of their Perſons and Eſtates with Your Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects, and of an Advantage above Them, in being excuſed from Chargeable Offices, and Employments,

ments, hath ſo far prevailed, as to find Countenance from an open and avowed Practice of their Superſtition and Idolatry, without controul, in ſeveral Parts of this Kingdom. Great ſwarms of Prieſts and Jeſuits have reſorted hither, and have here exerciſed their Juriſdiction, and been dayly tampering to pervert the Conſciences of Your Majeſties Subjects. Their Oppoſers they have found Means to diſgrace; and if they were Judges, Juſtices of the Peace, or other Magiſtrates, to have them turned out of Commiſſion; and in Contempt of the known Laws of the Land, they have practiſed upon People of all Ranks and Qualities, and gained over divers to their Religion; ſome openly to profeſs it, others ſecretly to eſpouſe it, as moſt conduced to the Service thereof.

After ſome time they became able to influence Matters of State and Government, and thereby to Deſtroy thoſe they cannot Corrupt. The Continuance, or Prorogation of Parliaments has been accommodated to ſerve the Purpoſes of that Party.

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Money raiſed upon the People, to ſupply your Majeſties extraordinary Occaſions, was by the Prevalence of Popiſh Councils imployed to make War upon a Proteſtant State, and to Advance and Augment the dreadful Power of the *French* King, though to the apparent Hazard of This, and all other Proteſtant Countries. Great Numbers of your Majeſties Subjects were ſent into, and continued in the Service of that King, notwithſtanding the Apparent Intereſt of your Majeſties Kingdoms, the Addreſſes of the Parliament, and your Majeſties Gracious Proclamations to the contrary. Nor can We forbear to mention, how that at the Beginning of the ſame War, even the Miniſters of *England* were made Inſtruments to preſs upon that State, the Acceptance of one Demand, among others, from the *French* King for procuring their Peace with him, that they ſhould admit the Publick Exerciſe of the Roman Catholick Religion, in the *United* Provinces, the Churches there to be divided, and the Romiſh Prieſts maintained out of the Publick Revenue.

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At home, if Your Majeſty did at any time by the Advice of Your Privy-Council, or of Your two Houſes of Parliament, Command the Laws to be put in Execution againſt Papiſts, even from thence they gained advantage to their Party, while the edge of thoſe Laws was turned againſt Proteſtant Diſſenters, and the Papiſts eſcaped in a manner untoucht. The Act of Parliament, enjoining a Teſt to be taken by all Perſons admitted into any Publick Office and intended for a ſecurity againſt Papiſts comeing into Employment, had ſo little effect, that either by Diſpenſations, obtained from *Rome*, they ſubmitted to thoſe Teſts, and held their Offices themſelves, or thoſe put in their places, were ſo favourable to the ſame Intereſts, that Popery it ſelf has rather gained than loſt ground ſince that Act.

But that their buſineſs in hand might yet more ſpeedily and ſtrongly proceed, at length a Popiſh Secretary (ſince Executed for his Treaſons) takes upon him to ſet afoot and maintain correſponden-

cies at *Rome* (particularly with a Native Subject of Your Majeſties, promoted to be a Cardinal) and in the Courts of other Foreign Princes (to uſe their own form of Speech) for the ſubduing that Peſtilent Hereſie, which has ſo long domineered over this Northern World; that is, to root the Proteſtant Religion out of *England*, and thereby to make way the more eaſily to do the ſame in other Proteſtant Countries.

Towards the doing this great Work, (as Mr. *Coleman* was pleaſed to call it) Jeſuits (the moſt dangerous of all Popiſh Orders to the Lives and Eſtates of Princes) were diſtributed to their ſeveral Precincts within this Kingdom, and held joint Councils with thoſe of the ſame Order in all Neighbour Popiſh Countries: Out of theſe Councils and Correſpondencies was hatcht that damnable and helliſh Plot, by the good Providence of Almighty God brought to light above two Years ſince, but ſtill threatning us; wherein the Traytors impatient of longer delay, reckoning the

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prolonging of Your Sacred Majesties Life (which God long Preserve) as the Great Obstacle in the way to the Consummation of their hopes, and having in their prospect a Proselyted Prince immediately to succeed in the Throne of these Kingdoms, resolved to begin their Work with the Assassination of Your Majesty, to carry it on with Armed Force, to destroy Your Protestant Subjects in *England*, to Execute a second Massacre in *Ireland*, and so with ease to arrive at the Suppression of our Religion, and the Subversion of the Government.

When this Accursed Conspiracy began to be discovered, they began the smothering it with the Barbarous Murther of a Justice of the Peace, within one of Your Majesties own Pallaces, who had taken some Examinations concerning it.

Amidst these distractions and fears, Popish Officers, for the Command of Forces were allowed upon the Musters by special Orders (surreptitiously obtained from Your Majesty) but Counter-Signed by a Secre-

a Secretary of State, without ever paſſing under the Teſts preſcribed by the aforementioned Act of Parliament. In like manner above fifty new Commiſſions were granted about the ſame time to known Papiſts, beſides a great number of deſperate Popiſh Officers, though out of Command, yet entertained at half pay. When in the next Parliament the Houſe of Commons were prepared to bring to a legal Tryal the principal Conſpirators in this Plot, that Parliament was firſt Prorogued, and then Diſſolved. The Interval between the Calling and Sitting of this Parliament was ſo long, that now they conceive hopes of Covering all their paſt Crimes, and gaining a ſeaſonable time and advantages of practiſing them more effectually.

Witneſſes are attempted to be corrupted, and not only promiſes of Reward, but of the Favour of Your Majeſties Brother, made the Motives to their Compliance. Divers of the moſt conſiderable of Your Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects have Crimes of the higheſt nature

nature forged againſt them, the Charge to be ſupported by Subornation and Perjury, that they may be deſtroyed by Forms of Law and Juſtice.

A Preſentment being prepared for a Grand Jury of *Middleſex*, againſt Your Majeſties ſaid Brother the Duke of *York*, (under whoſe Countenance all the reſt ſhelter themſelves) the Grand Jury were in an unheard of, and unpreſidented, and illegal manner diſcharged ; and that with ſo much haſte, and fear leſt they ſhould finiſh that *Preſentment*, that they were prevented from delivering many other *Indictments* by them at that time found againſt other Popiſh Recuſants. Becauſe a Pamphlet came forth Weekly, called, *The Weekly Packet of Advice from Rome*, which expoſes Popery (as it deſerves) as ridiculous to the People, a new and arbitrary Rule of Court was made in Your Majeſties Court of Kings Bench (rather like a Star-Chamber, than a Court of Law) That the ſame ſhould not for the future be Printed by any Perſon whatſoever.

We acknowledge Your Majeſties Grace and Care in iſſuing forth divers Proclamations ſince the Diſcovery of the Plot, for the Baniſhing Papiſts from about this Great City, and Reſidence of Your Majeſties Court, and the Parliament ; but with trouble of Mind We do humbly inform Your Majeſty,

That notwithſtanding all theſe Prohibitions, great Numbers of them, and of the moſt dangerous Sort, to the Terrour of Your Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects, do daily reſort hither, and abide here. Under theſe and other ſad Effects and Evidences of the Prevalency of Popery, and its Adherents, We Your Majeſties faithful Commons found this Your Majeſties Diſtreſſed Kingdom, and other Parts of Your Dominions labouring, when We aſſembled.

And therefore from our Allegiance to Your Majeſty, our Zeal to our Religion, our Faithfulneſs to our Countrey, and our Care of *Poſterity*, We have lately, upon mature deliberation, propoſed One Remedy of theſe Great Evils, without which (in our Judgements) all others will prove vain and fruitleſs, and (like all deceitful Securities againſt certain Dangers) will rather expoſe Your Majeſties Perſon to the greateſt hazard, and the People, together with all that's valuable to them as Men or Chriſtians, to utter Ruine and Deſtruction. We have taken this Occaſion of an Acceſs to Your Majeſties Royal Preſence, humbly to lay before Your Majeſties great Judgement and Gracious Conſideration this moſt dreadful Deſign of Introducing Popery, and, as neceſſary Conſequences of it, all other Calamities, into Your Majeſties Kingdoms. And

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if after all this, the private Suggeſtions of the ſubtle Accomplices of that Party and Deſign ſhould yet prevail, either to Elude or Totally Obſtruct the faithful Endeavours of Us Your Commons for an Happy Settlement of this Kingdom, We ſhall have this Remaining Comfort, That We have freed our ſelves from the Guilt of that Blood and Deſolation which is like to enſue. But our only Hope, next under God, is in Your Sacred Majeſty, That by Your Great Wiſdom and Goodneſs, we may be effectually Secured from Popery, and all the Evils that attend it; and that none but Perſons of known Fidelity to Your Majeſty, and Sincere Affections to the Proteſtant Religion, may be put into any Employment, Civil or Military; that whilſt we ſhall give a Supply to *Tangier*, we may be aſſured, we do not Augment the Strength of our Popiſh Adverſaries, nor encreaſe our own Dangers. Which Deſires of Your faithful Commons, if Your Majeſty ſhall graciouſly vouchſafe to grant, We ſhall not only be ready to aſſiſt Your Majeſty in Defence of *Tangier*, but do whatſoever elſe ſhall be in our Power to enable Your Majeſty to Protect the Proteſtant Religion and Intereſt, at Home and Abroad, and to Reſiſt and Repel the Attempts of Your Majeſties and the Kingdoms Enemies.

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Martis 30° *die Novemb.* 1680.

Ordered,

THat the Serjeant at Arms Attending this House, do go with his Mace and Summon all the Members of this House that are in or about *Westminster*-Hall, immediately to Attend the Service of the House.

Ordered,

That the Committee to whom the Consideration of Mr. *Dangerfields* Pardon, and Allowances from His Majesty is Referred, be Revived, and have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

Then *Mr.* Speaker left the Chair.

And a Committee of the Commons managed the Impeachment against *William* Viſcount *Stafford*, in the Name of all the Commons of *England*, before the Lords in Parliament.

And the *Managers* this day inſiſted upon the general Evidence, to Prove the *Popiſh* Plot againſt the King's Perſon, the Proteſtant Religion and Government.

Poſt Meridiem.

The Committee of the Commons returning to the Houſe,

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Then the Houſe Adjourned to Eight of the Clock to *Morrow Morning.*

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwel, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And That no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Nov. 30. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiſwel*, at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Paul's* Church-Yard. 1680.

VOTES

Of the Houſe of

COMMONS,

Mercurii 1° *die Decemb.* 1680.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Timothy Baldwin* and Sir *Samuel Clark*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have ſent Us to acquaint this Houſe, That they intend to proceed to the Tryal of *William* Viſcount *Stafford* at Ten of the Clock this morning in *Weſtminſter-Hall*.

A Petition of *Samuel Gibbs*, Mayor of *Weſtbury* in the County of *Wilts*, being in cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, be preſented to the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lye upon the Clerks Table, in order to the Reading thereof in a full Houſe.

Ordered,

That the matter touching the Election for *Taunton* in the County of *Somerſet* be heard at the Bar of this Houſe on *Saturday* morning next.

Ordered,

That the Bill for taking away the Court holden before the Preſident and Council in the Marches of *Wales*, be Read a Second time on *Friday* morning next.

Ordered,

That the Bill for the better ſecuring the payment of an Annuity or Rent charge of 130*l. per annum*, out of the Mannors and Farms of *Bexhill* and *Cowding* in the County of *Suſſex*, to the uſe of the poor of ſe-

veral Parishes in the County of *Surrey*, be Read on *Friday* morning next.

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Farrington* a Member of this House have leave to go into the Countrey for Recovery of his Health.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Managers appointed by the Commons proceeded to the particular Evidence against the Lord Viscount *Stafford* before the Lords in Parliament, and having produced and Examined several Witnesses to prove the Impeachment against him. At the desire of the Lord *Stafford* he had time to make his further defence to the morrow morning.

Post Meridiem.

The Committee of the Commons return to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message from the Lords by Sir *Timothy Baldwin* and Sir *Sammuel Clark*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have sent Us to acquaint this House that they have ordered the Prisoner *William* Viscount *Stafford*, to be brought to the Bar in *Westminster-Hall* to morrow morning at Ten of the Clock.

Ordered,

That all Committees be Adjourned.

And then the House Adjourned to Eight of the Clock to morrow morning.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiswel, *to Print these Votes, perused by me according to the order of the house of Commons, and that no other person presume to Print them.* Decem. 1. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiswell*, at the Rose and Crown in St. *Pauls* Church-yard. 1680.

VOTES
Of the House of
COMMONS,

Jovis 2° die Decemb. 1680.

John alias Hattem and *William Henry Cornelissen* this day took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy in Order to their Naturalization.

A Bill for the Naturalization of *Peter Elers* and others, was Read the First time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be Read a Second time.

Ordered,

That *Edward Kynaston* Esq; a Member of this House have leave to go into the Country for Recovery of his Health.

A Petition of *John Dandridge*, being in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, was Read

Ordered,

That the said *John Dandridge* be discharged from his Confinement.

Complaint being made to the House of a Breach of Priviledge committed by Mr. *Knevet Hastings*, in Striking and Wounding the Servant of *Hender Roberts* Esq; a Member of this House,

Ordered,

That the said *Knevet Hastings* be sent for in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, to Answer for the said Breach of Priviledge by him Committed.

Ordered,

That nothing that hath been, or shall be said by any Member of this House, or by any Person that shall be produced as a Witness in behalf of the Commons of *England* in the Trial of *William* Viscount *Stafford*, be Printed or Published, without the leave of this House.

A Petition of *Griffith Jones* Esq; touching the Election for the Town of New *Radnor* in the County of *Radnor*, was Read.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be Referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, who are to Examine the Matter thereof, and to Report the same with their Opinions therein, to the House.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

And the Committee of the Commons Proceeded in the management of the Evidence, upon the Impeachment of *William* Viſcount *Stafford*.

Poſt Meridiem.

The Committee of the Commons, return to the Houſe.

Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

A Meſſage from the Lords, by Sir *Timothy Baldwyn* and Sir *Samuel Clark*,

Mr. *Speaker*,

The Lords have ſent Us to Acquaint this Houſe, That they have Ordered the Priſoner *William* Viſcount *Stafford*, to be brought again to his Trial at the Bar in *Weſtminſter*-Hall, to Morrow Morning at Ten of the Clock.

Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* Acquaints the Houſe, That His Majeſty had Commanded him to Communicate to the Houſe a Letter written by Dr. *Lamphire*, Principal of *Hart*-Hall in *Oxford*, directed to Mr. Secretary, giving an Account, That one *William Pickering* a Taylor at *Wheatly* in the County of *Oxon*, and Brother to *Pickering* that was Executed for the Horrid *Popiſh Plot*, had ſpoken theſe Words, *viz.* That if the King ſhould Try the Lords, he ſhould not live half an year after; and that the ſaid *Pickering* was Committed to *Oxford* Goal by the ſaid Doctor *Lamphire*.

Which Letter was Read to the Houſe.

Ordered,

That the Thanks of this Houſe be humbly Preſented to His Majeſty, by ſuch Members thereof as are of His Majeſties Moſt Honourable Privy Council, for this His Majeſties Gracious Communication.

Ordered,

That the ſaid *William Pickering* be forthwith brought up to the Bar of this Houſe, to Anſwer this high Charge.

Ordered,

That the further Conſideration of this Matter be Adjourned to, to morrow morning.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwell, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Decemb. 2. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker*.

London, Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiſwell*, at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Paul's* Church-Yard. 1680.

VOTES
Of the House of
COMMONS,

Veneris 3° die Decemb. 1680.

A Petition of *Richard Rawlins*, in custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, was Read.

Ordered,

That the said *Rich. Rawlins* be discharged from his Imprisonment.

A Bill for taking away the Court holden before the President and Council in the Marches of *Wales*, was Read a Second time.

Ordered,

That the Adjourned debate touching the Information yesterday communicated to this House from his Majesty, be resumed this afternoon, when the Committee of this House returns from the Tryal of *William* Viscount *Stafford*, and that the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, do give the Members of this House notice thereof in the mean time.

A Petition of *John Hutchinson* Esq; in custody of the Serjeant at Arms, was Read.

Ordered,

That the said Mr. *Hutchinson* be brought to the Bar of this House to morrow morning at Ten of the Clock.

Ordered,

That *Edward Vaughan* Esq; be added to the Com-

mittee appointed to prepare Evidence against the Lords in the *Tower*.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair,

And the Committee of the Commons did proceed in the Management of the Impeachment against *William* Viscount *Stafford*, before the Lords in Parliament.

Post Meridiem.

The Committee of the Commons returned to the House.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Ordered

That Collonel *Stawell* a Member of this House have leave to go into the Countrey for recovery of his health.

A Message from the Lords by Sir *Timothy Baldwin* and Sir *Samuel Clark*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have sent Us to acquaint this House, that they have ordered *William* Viscount *Stafford* to be brought again to his Tryal at the Bar in *Westminster-Hall* to morrow morning at Ten of the Clock.

Ordered,

That the Adjourned Debate relating to the Information Yesterday Communicated to this House from his Majesty, be further Adjourned to *Monday* morning next at Ten of the Clock.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiswell, *to Print these Votes, perused by me according to the Order of the House of Commons: and that no other person presume to Print them.* Decemb. 3. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiswell*, at the Rose and Crown in St. *Pauls* Church-yard. 1680.

VOTES

Of the Houſe of

COMMONS,

Sabbati 4° die Decemb. 1680.

Ordered,

THat Mr. *Sanderſon* a Member of this Houſe have leave to go into the Country, for recovery of his health.

Ordered,

That Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* be added to the Committee, to whom the Bill for taking away the Court holden before the Preſident and Council in the Marches of *Wales*, is committed.

Ordered,

That the matter touching the Election for the Town of *Taunton* in the County of *Somerſet* (which was appointed for this day) be heard at the Bar of this Houſe, on *Tueſday* morning next.

A Bill for the better ſecuring the Payment of an Annuity or Rent Charge of One hundred thirty Pound *per Annum*, out of the Mannors and Farms of *Bexhill* and *Cowding*, in the County of *Suſſex*, to the Uſe of the Poor of ſeveral Pariſhes in the County of *Surrey*, was Read the Firſt time.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill be Read a Second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

And the Committee of the Commons Proceeded in the Management of the Impeachment againſt *William* Viſcount *Stafford*, before the Lords in Parliament.

Poſt Meridiem.

The Committee of the Commons returned to the Houſe.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

The Houſe being Informed, That Mr. *William Stawell* in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this Houſe, is Sick, and not able to Appear before this Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stawell* have a Months time given him for ſuch his Appearance.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Sir *Timothy Baldwyn* and Sir *Samuel Clarke*.

Mr. *Speaker*,

The Lords have ſent us to acquaint this Houſe, That they have Ordered *William* Viſcount *Stafford* to be brought again to the Bar in *Weſtminſter*-Hall, on Monday Morning next, at Ten of the Clock.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwell, *to Print theſe Votes peruſed by me according to the order of the Houſe of Commons, and That no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Decemb. 4. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiſwell*, at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Pauls* Church-yard. 1680.

VOTES

Of the HOUSE of

COMMONS,

Lunæ 6° die Decemb. 1680.

John Loos did this day take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, in order to his Naturalization.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Edward Noſworthy* the Younger, and Mr. *Serjeant Rigby* Members of this Houſe, have leave to go into the Country.

A Petition of *Knyvet Haſtings* Eſq; in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this Houſe, was Read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Mr. *Haſtings* be diſcharged from any further Confinement.

A Petition of *Richard Thompſon* Clerk, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this Houſe, being preſented to the Houſe,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lye upon the Clerks Table.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

And the Committee of the Commons did Proceed in the Management of the Impeachment againſt *William* Viſcount *Stafford*, before the Lords in Parliament.

Poſt Meridiem.

The Committee of the Commons returned to the Houſe.

Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Ordered,

That the name of *John Loos*, who this day took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, be inſerted in the Bill of Naturalization.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Sir *Timothy Baldwyn* and Sir *Samuel Clarke*.

Mr. *Speaker*,

The Lords have Commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, that they have Appointed *William* Viſcount *Stafford* to be brought to the Bar in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, to morrow morning at Ten of the Clock, to hear Judgment.

Reſolved *Nemine Contradicente*,

That this Houſe will go to morrow morning with their *Speaker*, to the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, and Demand Judgment upon the Impeachment of the Commons of *England*, againſt *William* Viſcount *Stafford*.

Ordered,

That no Member of this Houſe do go into the Court in *Weſtminſter-Hall* to morrow morning, before this Houſe have Demanded Judgment at the Bar of the Lords, upon the Impeachment of the Commons of *England* againſt *William* Viſcount *Stafford*, and that Mr. *Howard* have notice hereof.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwell, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Decemb. 6. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker*.

London, Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiſwell*, at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Paul's* Church-Yard. 1680.

VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Martis 7° die Decemb. 1680.

William Leonardſon Robolt did this day take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, in Order to his Naturalization.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

The Committee of the Commons Appointed for the Management of the Impeachment againſt *William* Viſcount *Stafford*, were preſent at the Court in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, when the Lords found *William* Viſcount *Stafford* guilty of the High-Treaſon whereof he ſtands Impeached.

The Committee of the Commons returned to the Houſe.

Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

The Houſe then with Mr. *Speaker* went up to the Bar of the Lords Houſe, and by Mr. *Speaker* demanded Judgment of High-Treaſon againſt *William* Viſcount *Stafford*, upon the Impeachment of the Commons of *England* in Parliament, in the Name of the Commons in Parliament, and of all the Commons of *England*.

The Houſe being returned,

Ordered,

That Doctor *Burnett* be deſired to Preach before this Houſe at St. *Margarets Weſtminſter*, upon

Faſt day, Appointed by His Majeſties Proclamation; and Colonel *Titus* is deſired to Acquaint him therewith.

Ordered,

That Doctor *Spratt* be likewiſe deſired to Preach before this Houſe on the ſame day; and Sir *John Trevor* is deſired to Acquaint him therewith.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Sir *Timothy Baldwyn* and Sir *Samuel Clark*.

Mr. *Speaker*,

We are Commanded by the Lords to Acquaint this Houſe, that their Lordſhips are going preſently into *Weſtminſter-Hall* to give Judgment againſt *William* Viſcount *Stafford*.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair.

The Committee of the Commons appointed for the Management of the Impeachment againſt *William* Viſcount *Stafford*, were preſent at the Court in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, when the Lords gave Judgment of High-Treaſon againſt *William* Viſcount *Stafford*, upon the Impeachment of the Commons.

The Committee of the Commons returned to the Houſe.

Mr. *Speaker* reſumed the Chair.

Ordered,

That the Name of *William Leonardſon Robolt*, who this day took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, be inſerted in the Bill of Naturalization.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwell, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Decemb. 7. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiſwell*, at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Paul*'s Church-Yard. 1680.

VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Mercurii 8° die Decemb. 1680.

John Woder and *John Oort* did this day take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy at the Clerks Table, in order to their Naturalization.

Ordered,

That the Names of the ſaid *John Woder* and *John Oort* be inſerted in the Bill of Naturalization.

The Houſe being informed that Sir *John Cutler*, who is returned as one of the Burgeſſes to Serve in this Parliament for the Burrough of *Taunton* in the County of *Somerſet*, is ſatisfied that he is not duly Elected a Burgeſs to Serve for the ſaid Burrough, and that his Council was Attending at the Door, ready to acknowledge the ſame:

The Council for the ſaid Sir *John Cutler*, as likewiſe the Council for *Edmund Prideaux* Eſq; and the Council for the ſaid Burrough being called in, and the Council for the ſaid Sir *John Cutler* admitting that *Edmund Prideaux* Eſq; is duly Elected a Burgeſs to Serve for the ſaid Burrough,

Reſolved, &c. That Sir *John Cutler* is not duly Elected a Burgeſs to Serve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Burrough of *Taunton*.

Reſolved, &c.

That *Edmund Prideaux* Eſq; is duly Elected a Burgeſs to Serve in this preſent Parliament, for the ſaid Burrough of *Taunton*.

The Clerk of the Crown being called in, amended the Return for *Taunton*, by razing out the Name of Sir *John Cutler*, and inſerting the Name of *Edmund Prideaux* Eſq; in the room thereof, in the Indenture.

Ordered, That Mr. *Briſtock Hartford*, and Mr. *John Booth* Members of this Houſe have leave to Repair into the Country.

Reſolved, &c.

That this Houſe be called over the Firſt Tueſday in *January* next, and that ſuch Members as ſhall then make Default in Attending the Service of the Houſe, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* be deſired to ſend his Letters to the ſeveral Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties, and to the ſeveral Mayors, Bayliffs and other Proper Officers of the ſeveral Cities, Burroughs, Corporations and Cinque Ports of this Kingdom, requiring them to give Notice to all ſuch Members of this Houſe that ſerve for ſuch Reſpective Places as have Abſented themſelves from the Service of this Houſe, without Leave, to Attend the Houſe within Ten days from this Day.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee of Elections and Priviledges do Report the Matter touching the Election for the Burrough of *Agmondiſham* in the County of *Bucks*, to Morrow Morning.

A Petition of *Sampſon Birch*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this Houſe, was Read.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Sampſon Birch* be brought to the Bar, and do receive the Cenſure of this Houſe upon his Knees from Mr. *Speaker*, and be then diſcharged paying his Fees, which was done accordingly.

Sir *Richard Corbet* Reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, to whom the Matter touching the Election and Return for the Burrough of *Eye* in the County of *Suffolk*, was Referred, that the Committee, having taken the ſame into conſideration, had agreed upon certain Reſolves which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read, are as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, &c. That *Charles Fox* Eſq; is duly Elected a Burgeſs to Serve in this preſent Parliament, for the ſaid Burrough of *Eye*.

Reſolved, &c.

That *George Walſh* Eſq; is duly Elected a Burgeſs to Serve in this preſent Parliament, for the ſaid Burrough of *Eye*. In which Reſolves the Houſe agreed with the Committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do Attend to Morrow Morning, to Amend the Return for the ſaid Burrough.

The Houſe taking Notice of ſeveral Abuſes and Miſdemeanours committed in the ſaid Election;

Ordered, That a Committee be Appointed to Examine the ſaid Abuſes and Miſdemeanours, and to Report the ſame with their Opinions therein, to the Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* do Iſſue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Burgeſs, to ſerve in this preſent Parliament, for the Burrough of *Ipſwich*, in the County of *Suffolk*, in the room of *Gilbert Lindfields* Eſq; deceaſed.

A Petition of Sir *Tho. Whitgrave*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this Houſe, was Read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Sir *Tho. Whitgrave* be brought to the Bar, and do receive the Cenſure of the Houſe upon his Knees from Mr. *Speaker*, and be then diſcharged of his Confinement, paying his Fees, which was done accordingly.

A Petition of *John Hutchinſon* Eſq; in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this Houſe, was Read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid *John Hutchinſon* be brought to the Bar, and do receive the Cenſure of this Houſe upon his Knees from Mr. *Speaker*, and be then diſcharged of his Confinement, paying his Fees, which was done accordingly.

A Petition of *Henry Walrond*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending the Houſe, was Read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Walrond* have time to appear at the Bar of this Houſe to the 3*d*. day of *January* next.

A Petition of *Samuel Gibbs* late Mayor of *Weſtbury* in the County of *Wilts*, in the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, was Read.

Ordered, That this Petition be taken into Conſideration on *Saturday* Morning next, at Ten of the Clock.

Ordered, That *William Tyler* Eſq; be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this Houſe, to anſwer at the Bar for a breach of Priviledge by him Committed againſt this Houſe.

A Petition of *Richard Thompſon* Clerk, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, was Read,

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of this Petition, as alſo of the Matter of the Complaint for which the ſaid *Richard Thompſon* ſtands Committed, be referred to a Committee, to Report the ſame with their Opinions therein, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Jordan*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, was Read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid *William Jordan* be brought to the Bar, and do receive the Cenſure of this Houſe upon his Knees from Mr. *Speaker*, and be then diſcharged of his Confinement; which was accordingly done.

Ordered, That Mr. *Earl* a Member of this Houſe, have leave to go into the Country for Recovery of his health.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwell, *to Print theſe Votes, Peruſed by me, according to the Order of the Houſe of Commons; And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Decemb. 8. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiſwell*, at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Paul's* Church-Yard. 1680.

VOTES

Of the HOUSE of

COMMONS,

Jovis 9° die Decemb. 1680.

Ordered,

THat a Committee be Appointed to Inſpect the Act made for the Erecting and Eſtabliſhing the Poſt-Office, And to bring in a Bill or Bills for Regulating the Poſt-Office.

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Grey* and Mr. *Nicholas Herle* Members of this Houſe, have leave to go into the Country.

Ordered,

That a Committee be Appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Regulating the Coynage, and for continuance of the Law made concerning Coynage.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Woolrich* a Member of this Houſe, have leave to repair into the Country for his health.

Sir *Richard Corbet* Reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, to whom the Matter of the Election for the Burrough of *Rygate* in the County of *Surrey* was committed, that the Committee having taken the ſame into their Conſideration, had agreed upon the following Reſolves;

Reſolved, &c.

That *Ralph Freeman* Eſq; is not duly Elected a Burgeſs to Serve in this preſent Parliament, for the Burrough of *Rygate* in the County of *Surrey*.

Reſolved,

That *Dean Goodwin* Eſq; is duly Elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Burrough of *Rygate* in the County of *Surrey*.

To which Reſolves the Houſe agreed.

A Motion being made to the Houſe, that Sir *William Spring* a Member of this Houſe, have leave to go into the Country.

It was Reſolved upon a Queſtion, in the Affirmative.

A Bill for Exporting Leather was Read a Second time and committed.

The Clerk of the Crown being called in, Amended the Return for the Burrough of *Eye* in the County of *Suffolk*, by taking off the Indenture, whereby Sir *Charles Gaudy* and Sir *Robert Reeve* were Returned.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Crown do Attend to Morrow Morning, to Amend the Return for *Rygate* in the County of *Surrey*.

Colonel *Birch* Reports from the Committee appointed to Examine the Matter of the Information given to this House by Mr. *Peter Norris*, That the Committee having taken the same into their Consideration, had not thought fit to come to any Resolution therein, but had Ordered him to Report the Matter specially; which was Reported accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sherridon* and Mr. *Day*, be forthwith brought in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms to the Bar of this House.

Ordered,

That a Committee be Appointed, forthwith to search the Papers of the said Mr. *Sherridon* and Mr. *Day*, and to Report the same to the House.

A Motion being made to the House, That the Matter touching the Election for the City of *Glocester*, be Appointed to be heard before the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, on the Third day of *January* next,

Ordered,

That the Consideration of this Motion be referred to the Committee of Elections and Priviledges.

Ordered,

That the Matter of the Complaint made against Mr. *Tyler*, be Referred to the Committee of Priviledges to Examine the same; and they are to proceed therein in the first place, and make Report thereof, to the House.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the whole Matter upon the said Special Report, be Adjourned to Ten of the Clock to Morrow Morning.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sherridon* and Mr. *Day*, do severally continue in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms, during the pleasure of this House, and that no Person be Admitted to come to them, but such as shall have occasion to bring them necessaries.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiswell, *to Print these Votes, Perused by me, According to the order of the House of Commons*; *And That no other Person presume to Print them.* Decemb. 9. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiswell*, at the Rose and Crown in St. *Paul's* Church-Yard. 1680.

I Appoint John Wright, and Richard Chiswel, to Print this REPORT, Perused by me, According to the Order of the HOUSE of COMMONS; And that no other Person presume to Print it. Decemb. 11th. 1680.

Wm WILLIAMS, Speaker.

I Appoint *John Wright*, and *Richard Chiſwel*, to Print this REPORT, Peruſed by me, According to the Order of the HOUSE of COMMONS; And that no other Perſon preſume to Print it. *Decemb.* 11*th.* 1680.

Wi WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

THE

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE,

For Receiving

INFORMATIONS

CONCERNING THE

Popiſh Plot;

Upon the Complaint of

Mr. Peter Norris,

Preſented to the

HOUSE of COMMONS,

Upon *Thurſday* the *9th.* day of *Decemb.* 1680.

LONDON,

Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiſwell*, at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Paul's* Church-Yard. 1680.

In the next place, they proceeded to examine upon what occaſion the ſaid *Norris* was ſent beyond Sea, which not only by the ſaid Papers, but alſo by a Certificate delivered to the Chairman of this Committee from the Earl of *Eſſex*, and divers other Informations as well as the ſaid *Norris* his Inſtructions given by Dr. *Tonge*, was to fetch over one *Dowdall* an *Iriſh* Prieſt, who had been converſant with the Prieſts in *France* and *Flanders*, who managed the Plot both in *England* and *Ireland*, and mixing himſelf among them, was privy to the whole Plot, which the ſaid *Dowdall* by ſeveral Letters had made known to Dr. *Tonge*, which Letters were peruſed by the Earl of *Eſſex*, and alſo ſatisfaction was given by a known Merchant in *London*, that the ſaid *Dowdall* was an honeſt man, of good underſtanding, and might be credited.

Then the Committee proceeded to inquire, who at any time had knowledge of the ſending over for the ſaid *Dowdall*, and found by an Order of Council, bearing date the eighteenth day of *July* 1679. that the ſaid *Dowdall* by the name of *Edward Dowdall*, was permitted to come from *Dover* and ſtay for a Month, but in that Order there is no mention of *Dowdall*'s being a Prieſt. And it likewiſe appears to this Committee, that not long after the ſaid Order for his coming over, *Dowdall* dyed, and not without ſuſpicion that it was a Violent Death: but it doth not appear to this Committee, that the Death of *Dowdall* was known in *England* till after the Return of *Norris*, who was ſent to fetch the ſaid *Dowdall* over, which was about Ten Months after

after the Date of the ſaid Order of Council.

Upon which, this Committee proceeded to Examine, how it came to paſs, that the ſaid *Norris* was in ſuch danger beyond Sea; and particularly at his coming aboard the Pacquett-Boat at *Calais*, and likewiſe his Impriſonment at *Dover* in the Common Priſon; and his being brought from *Dover* by a Meſſenger; and they found the Cauſe of it to be a Deſcription given of *Peter Norris* to Secretary *Jenkins* the Twenty Ninth of *May* 1680. in theſe words, Peter Norris, *ſome call him* Morris *a* Scotch-man, *handſome, neat Face, ſanguine Complexion, ſhort Noſe, bald-pated, white Wigg, ſlender Body, little Stature, Civil and Smooth in Diſcourſe, ſpeaking* French; *aged Thirty Four Years more or leſs, Taylor by Trade*: and under this Deſcription, written with another Hand and Ink theſe words (*viz.*) *Went into* France *on* Wedneſday *was three Weeks to bring with him a Prieſt.* Thereupon this Committee proceeded to Examine, who brought this Deſcription to the ſaid Secretary, and where and by whom it was drawn, with all the Circumſtances that they could find about it. And firſt they found, that *Thomas Sheridon* a Gentleman, who affirmed himſelf a Proteſtant born in *Ireland*, heretofore employed in Collecting the Revenues there, and lately with the Duke at his Court at *Bruſſells*, and came over with him in the ſame Yacht, confeſſed upon his Examination, that he carryed the ſaid Deſcription to the ſaid Secretary; but it being ſhewed him, he denyed the writing any part of it, ſave the laſt Line; but confeſſed that it was written and brought to him by one *Anthony Day* Doctor of

Phyſick to the Late Army in *Flanders*. Whereupon the ſaid *Sheridon* was commanded to produce the ſaid *Day*, and with him to attend.

Dr. *Day* and Mr. *Sheridon* both appearing were examined ſeverally.

And firſt the ſaid *Day*, who confeſt himſelf a Papiſt, and pretended very little knowledge of Mr. *Sheridon*, but that coming to give him a viſit, which he had not done of ſix weeks before, Mr. *Sheridon* began to diſcourſe of News, and particularly of the Plot; to which the ſaid Doctor replyed, that now the whole Plot would be diſcovered and laid open; for he heard there was one gone beyond Sea to fetch over a Prieſt that knew of the whole Plot: and doth not remember any thing more at that time but common diſcourſe. But ſome few dayes after meeting with Mr. *Sheridon*, the ſaid Mr. *Sheridon* deſired him to deſcribe the perſon that was ſo ſent over; the ſaid Dr. *Day* replyed, that he knew not the perſon that was gone, nor the Prieſt he was to fetch: but that *John Butler*, keeper of a Brandy-ſhop near the French Embaſſadours upon diſcourſe had told him ſo; to whom Mr. *Sheridon* deſired him to go and get the deſcription, which he did accordingly. And the deſcription being ſhewed him, confeſſed he writ it from his mouth, ſave the laſt line: But ſaith, that perſon is now dead who gave him the ſaid Deſcription, but his wife is living.

Mr. *Sheridon* being then called in and examined, ſaid, He had no great acquaintance with the ſaid Doctor, and ſeldome ſaw him but upon a viſit, which happily might be once a week

a week or the like; Confeſſeth, That the ſaid Doctor told him as News, the Plot would now be laid open, for there was one ſent over into *France* to fetch a Prieſt that knew of the whole Plot: and further ſaith, That he that went over knew as much of the Plot as any man in *England*. Whereupon the ſaid *Sheridon* Confeſſeth, That he went ſhortly after, but remembers not how long, to Secretary *Jenkins*, and told him that there was one gone over into *France* that knew as much of the Plot as any man, and that he went over to fetch a Prieſt that alſo knew the whole Plot, which he the ſaid *Sheridon* ſuppoſed was to be a Witneſs: Upon which the ſaid Secretary commanded him the ſaid *Sheridon* to give him a deſcription of the perſon ſo ſent over: but remembers no other diſcourſe at that time; But that ſome ſhort time after, but remembers not how long, he met with Mr. *Day*, who gave him the deſcription in the preſence of Mr. *John Wilſon* of the *Middle Temple*, which he ſhortly after delivered to the Secretary, and uſed as he remembers, only theſe words, Sir, Here is the deſcription of the perſon I mentioned to you.

After this Deſcription ſo delivered to the Secretary, a Letter was written by Mr. *Cooke*, (which Mr. *Secretary* declared at the Committee he would take upon himſelf) in theſe words following,

White-Hall, May 31. 1680.

SIR,

THe Right Honourable Sir *Leoline Jenkins*, one of his Majeſties Principal Secretaries of State, being haſtily called this day to wait upon his Majeſty at *Windſor*, hath commanded me to ſend you the encloſed deſcription of a perſon, who, if he ſhall happen to come from *France* and land at your Port, Mr. Secretary ſaith, you will do the King and Kingdome a great ſervice if you will keep a ſtrict Eye upon him and the company that ſhall arrive with him, till they be all brought before Mr. Mayor, or other chief Magiſtrate of your Town, whom Mr. Secretary deſires to offer the ſaid perſons the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy; and in caſe of their or any of their refuſal of the ſame, to ſecure them and deal with them according to Law, giving Mr. Secretary an account with what ſpeed may be, of all the proceedings in this affair. If ſuch a perſon as is here deſcribed ſhould come and make no bones of taking the aforeſaid Oaths, yet in caſe Mr. Mayor or other chief Magiſtrate before whom they are brought, ſhall have reaſonable ground to ſuſpect that he is the man ſo deſcribed, and that he hath one or more in his company who may be reaſonably ſuſpected to be Prieſts, ſome handſome courſe is to be taken to detain them till Mr. Secretary can be acquainted with what is done, and ſend ſuch further directions as ſhall be thought neceſſary. Mr. Mayors

ors authority, with your Prudence and Zeal in this matter, will I hope produce a good effect upon this Command. I am

SIR,

Your very Humble Servant,

John Cooke.

Pray favour me with a Line that this comes ſafe to your hands.

Vera Copia. *John Pepper.*

Upon which *Norris* was committed to the Common Priſon, as is mentioned in his Complaint. All which being of more than an ordinary nature, this Committee thought not fit to give any opinion, but humbly referred it to the Wiſdome of this Houſe.

FINIS.

VOTES

Of the HOUSE of

COMMONS,

Veneris 10° *die Decemb.* 1680.

A Bill for Naturalization of *Peter Elers* and others, was Read a Second time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be Committed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Heming* and Sir *William Yorke* Members of this Houſe, have leave to go into the Country.

Ordered,

That the Order of this Houſe made on *Wedneſday* laſt, for Summoning ſuch Members as have abſented themſelves without the leave of the Houſe, to Attend within Ten Days, That the time be extended to Ten Days from *Saturday* next.

The Clerk of the Crown being called in, Amended the Return for the Burrough of *Rygate* in the County of *Surrey*, by razing out the Name of *Ralph Freeman* Eſq; and inſerting the Name of *Dean Goodwin* Eſq; in the Indenture.

Mr. *Trenchard* Reports from the Committee appointed to Enquire after all ſuch Perſons, as have Offended againſt the Right of the Subject to Petition His Majeſty for the Sitting of Parliaments; That the Committee had agreed upon the following Reſolve, which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read, is as followeth, *viz.*

Reſolved, &c.

That Captain *Caſtle*, by Obſtructing Petitioning to His Majeſty for the Sitting of this Parliament hath Offended againſt the Rights of the Subject.

Reſolved, &c.

That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee, That Captain *Caſtle*, by Obſtructing Petitioning to His Majeſty

for the Sitting of this Parliament, hath offended againſt the Rights of the Subjects.

Ordered,

That the Committee Appointed to Examine the Proceedings of the Judges in *Weſtminſter*-Hall, and to prepare an Impeachment againſt Sir *Francis North* Chief Juſtice of the Court of Common Pleas, for High Crimes and Miſdemeanors, do make Report to the Houſe of the Matters to them Referred, on Monday Morning next.

Ordered,

That the Chairman of the Committee appointed to Examine the Matter of the Information againſt Sir *Robert Peyton* a Member of this Houſe, do make Report thereof to Morrow Morning, and that Sir *Robert Peyton* do Attend in his Place at the ſame time.

Ordered,

That the Chairman of the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, do make Report of the Matter touching the Election for the Burrough of *Agmondeſham*, in the County of *Bucks*, to Morrow Morning at Nine of the Clock; and the ſame is to be the firſt buſineſs to be entred upon.

The Houſe then reſumed the Adjourned Debate, concerning the Matter of the Information, formerly given to the Houſe, by Mr. *Peter Norris*.

The Matter being Debated in the Houſe, and Mr. Secretary *Jenkins* having given an Account to the Houſe of his Proceedings therein; and being withdrawn,

Reſolved,

That the late Impriſonment of *Peter Norris*, at *Dover*, was Illegal, and that the Proceedings of Sir *Leoline Jenkins* Knight, one of the Principal Secretaries of State, by deſcribing the Perſon of the ſaid *Peter Norris*, and directing ſuch his Impriſonment, was Illegal and Arbitrary, and an Obſtruction to the Evidence, for the Diſcovery of the Horrid Popiſh Plot.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of this Debate, be Adjourned to *Monday* Morning next.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwell, *to Print theſe Votes, Peruſed by me, According to the order of the Houſe of Commons; And That no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Decemb. 10. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Sabbati 11° *die Decemb.* 1680.

James Raillard did this day take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy at the Clerks Table, in Order to his Naturalization.

Ordered, That the Name of the ſaid *James Raillard*, be inſerted in the Bill of Naturalization.

A Bill for Sale of the Mannor of *Billingford*, and other Lands in the County of *Norfolk*, for payment of the Debts of Sir *Edward Chiſenhale*, was Read the Firſt time.

Reſolved, &c.

That the ſaid Bill be Read a Second time, in a Full Houſe, after Ten of the Clock.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Auſtin*, a Member of this Houſe, have leave to go into the Country, for Recovery of his Health.

Ordered,

That the Bill for Supplying the Laws, made againſt Bankrupts, be Read on *Tueſday* Morning next, after Ten of the Clock, in a Full Houſe.

Ordered,

That Sir *Bryan Stapleton*, a Member of this Houſe, have leave to go into the Country.

A Petition of Captain *William Caſtle*, being preſented to the Houſe,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie upon the Clerks Table.

Ordered,

That *Michael Ball*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, be Diſcharged, without paying any Fees.

Mr. *Treby* Reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, to whom the Matter touching the Election for

Agmondeſham, in the County of *Bucks* was Referred, That the Committee having taken the ſame into their Conſideration, had agreed upon Several Reſolves, which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read, are as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, &c.

That in the Burrough of *Agmondeſham* alias *Amerſham*, in the County of *Bucks*: Thoſe Inhabitants only, who pay Scott and Lott, have right to give Voices in the Election of Burgeſſes to Serve in Parliament for the ſaid Burrough.

Reſolved, &c.

That *Algernoon Sidney* Eſq; is not duly Elected a Burgeſs, to Serve in this preſent Parliament, for the ſaid Burrough of *Agmondeſham*.

Reſolved, &c.

That Sir *William Drake* Baronet, is not duly Elected a Burgeſs, to Serve in this preſent Parliament, for the ſaid Burrough of *Agmondeſham*; And that the ſaid Election is void.

To which Reſolves the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* do Iſſue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ, for the Electing of a Burgeſs to Serve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Burrough of *Agmondeſham*.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, do make Report of the Matter touching the Election for the Burrough of *Marlow*, in the County of *Bucks*, on *Tueſday* Morning next.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Wilſon*, be taken in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this Houſe, for a breach of Priviledge, by him Committed, againſt this Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. *Day*, being in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this Houſe, be diſcharged from his further Confinement.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee Appointed to Examine the Matter of the Information againſt Sir *Robert Peyton*, do Report the ſame on *Tueſday* Morning next.

I *Appoint* John Wright, *and* Richard Chiſwell, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And That no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Decemb. 11. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Lunæ 13° *die Decemb.* 1680.

Dirck Vander-Stegen and *Mathias Cole*, did this day take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy at the Clerks Table, in order to their Naturalization.

Ordered,

That the Names of the ſaid *Dirck Vander-Stegen* and *Mathias Cole*, be Inſerted in the Bill of Naturalization.

A Bill for Exportation of Cloth, and other Woollen Manufactures into *Turky*, was Read a ſecond time, and a Debate ariſing thereupon:

Ordered,

That this Bill do lie upon the Clerks Table.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Francis Lutterell*, and Sir *Thomas Whitmore*, Members of this Houſe, have Leave to go into the Countrey.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to look into, and prepare Evidence againſt the Lords in the *Tower*, do Examine the Evidence againſt all Perſons concerned in the Popiſh Plot; And they are to Report the Names of ſuch Perſons, together with their Opinions therein, to the Houſe upon the Debate.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That this Houſe will, on Wedneſday morning next at ten of the Clock, Reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means to ſecure the Kingdom againſt Popery, and Arbitrary Power.

Ordered,

That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, for Baniſhing o all Papiſts, and ſuſpected Papiſts, from the Cities of *Londo* and *Weſtminſter*, and twenty Miles of the ſame, with Clauſe therein for Diſarming of all Papiſts, and for Pains an Penalty againſt all ſuch Papiſts, or ſuſpected Papiſts, as ſha either Ride, Go, or be Armed.

Ordered,

That the Knights of the Reſpective Shires, Citizens o the Reſpective Cities, Burgeſſes of the ſeveral Boroughs and Barons of the Cinque-Ports within this Kingdom, d with all convenient ſpeed bring in Liſts of all Papiſts, an Reputed Papiſts, within the ſaid ſeveral Counties, Citie Boroughs, and Cinque-Ports.

Ordered,

That the Lord *Anneſly*, a Member of this Houſe, hav Liberty to repair to Mr. *Sheridon*.

A Petition of Capt. *William Caſtle* was Read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Capt. *Caſtle* be brought to the Bar to mor row morning, and do receive the Cenſure of the Houſe upon his Knees from Mr. Speaker.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lucy* be added to the Committee, appointed t Examine the Proceedings of the Judges in *Weſtminſter-Hall* and to prepare an Impeachment againſt Sir *Francis North* Chief-Juſtice of the Court of Common-Pleas.

I *Do Appoint* Gabriel Kunholt, *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſe by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *An That no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Decemb. 13. 1680. Wi Williams, *Speaker*

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VOTES

Of the HOUSE of

COMMONS,

Martis 14° *die Decemb.* 1680.

A Bill for rectifying ſeveral Errors and Miſtakes in certain Deeds of Settlement made upon the Marriage of Sir *Charles Hoghton*, onet, with *Mary*, the Daughter of *John* Lord Viſcount *Maſſa-* was read the firſt time.

eſolved, &c. That the Bill be read a ſecond time on Thurſday mor- next.

Mr. *England* reports from the Committee appointed to examin the ter of the Complaint made by the Inhabitants of the County of olk, againſt *Samuel Verdon*, Underſheriff of the ſaid County, That Committe having taken the ſame into their Conſideration, had di- ed him to make a ſpecial Report to the Houſe, which he read in his e, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, where ſame being read,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee do proceed to examin all Matters of Com- nt againſt the ſaid *Samuel Verdon*, without further Summons.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Baiſpole* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms at- ding this Houſe, to anſwer at the Bar for a Breach of Priviledge by committed againſt this Houſe.

A Petition of Mr. *Jeremiah Bubb* being read,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Mr. *Bubb* be diſcharged from any further Atten- ce.

Ordered, That Mr. *William Tyler* be diſcharged from any further nfinement without paying Fees.

Information being given to the Houſe that *Herbert Herring* ſome eks ſince ordered to be taken in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms at- ding this Houſe, to anſwer for a breach of Priviledge by him com- ted againſt Mr. *Colt* a Member of this Houſe, hath, and ſtill doth cond himſelf to avoid the Execution of the ſaid Order.

Reſolved, &c.

That if the ſaid *Herbert Herring* do not render himſelf to the ſaid Serjeant at Arms before Saturday next, this Houſe will proceed againſt him by a Bill in Parliament for endeavouring by his Abſconding to avoid the Juſtice of this Houſe.

Ordered,

That the Chairman of the Committee to whom the Bill for the better Regulating the Trials of Peers is Committed, do make Report thereof on Thurſday Morning next.

A Petition of *Roderick Manſel*, Eſq; was Read.

Mr. *Manſell* being called in gave an Account to the Houſe of the Matter relating to Sir *Robert Peyton*.

Sir *William Roberts* Reports from the Committee appointed to examin the matter relating to Sir *Robert Peyton*, that the Committee having taken the ſame into their Conſideration had agreed upon a Report which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being read,

Sir *Robert Peyton* having made his Defence in his Place and being withdrawn,

And the matter being debated in the Houſe, the Houſe made the following Vote.

It appearing to this Houſe by the Report made at the Bar and by the Confeſſion of Sir *Robert Peyton* in his Place, that Sir *Robert Peyton* had ſecret negotiation with the Duke of *York* by the means of the Earl of *Peterborow*, Mrs. *Cellier* and Mr. *Gadbury*, at ſuch time when they were turning the Popiſh Plot upon the Proteſtants.

Ordered, That Sir *Robert Peyton* be expelled this Houſe.

And that Sir *Robert Peyton* be brought to the Bar and do receive the Cenſure of the Houſe upon his knees from Mr. Speaker.

The Serjeant at Arms acquainting the Houſe, that Sir *Robert Peyton* had abſented himſelf ſo that he could not be then found.

Ordered, That the ſaid Sir *Robert Peyton* be taken in Cuſtody of the ſaid Serjeant at Arms.

I *Do appoint* Gabriel Kunholt *to print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed by me, According to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Decemb. 14. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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His Majesties

MOST GRACIOUS

SPEECH

To both Houses of

PARLIAMENT,

On *Wednesday* the 15th of *December*, 1680.

Published by His Majesties Command.

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His Majesties SPEECH In PARLIAMENT.

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His Majesties

Most Gracious

SPEECH

To both Houses of

PARLIAMENT,

On *Wednesday* the 15th of *December*, 1680.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IN the Opening of this Parliament, I did acquaint you with the Alliances I had made with *Spain* and *Holland*, as the best Measures that could be taken for the Safety of *England*, and the Repose of *Christendom*.

But I told you withall, That if Our Friendship became unsafe to trust to, it would not be wondred at, if Our Neighbours should begin to take new Resolutions, and perhaps such as might be fatal to Us.

I must now tell you, That Our Allies cannot but see how little has been done since this Meeting, to encourage their dependance upon Us: And I find by them, that unless We can be so united at home, as to make Our Alliance valuable to them, it will not be possible to hinder them from seeking some other Refuge, and making such new Friendships, as will not be consistent with Our Safety. Consider, that a neglect of this Opportunity is never to be repaired.

I did likewise lay the matter plainly before you touching the estate and condition of *Tangier*. I must now tell you again, That if that Place be thought worth the keeping, you must take such consideration of it, that it may be speedily supplied; it being impossible for Me to preserve it at an Expence so far above My power.

I did promise you the fullest satisfaction your hearts could wish, for the Security of the Protestant Religion, and to concur with you in any Remedies, which might consist with preserving the Succession of the Crown in its Due and Legal course of Descent: I do again, with the same Reservations, renew the same Promises to you.

And being thus ready on My part to do all that can reasonably be expected from Me, I should be glad to know from you, as soon as may be, how far I shall be assisted by you, and what it is you desire from Me.

FINIS.

NOTES of the HOUSE of COMMONS.

Mercurii 15° Die Decemb. 1680.

Ordered, That *Samuel Gibbs*, late Mayor of the Burrough of *Weſtbury* in the County of *Wilts*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, be brought to the Bar, and do receive the Cenſure of the Houſe upon his knees from Mr. Speaker, and be then diſcharged, paying his Fees; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That Sr, *Thomas Exton*, a Member of this Houſe, have leave to repair into the Country.

A Petition of *George Bell*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid *George Bell*, be brought to the Bar, and do receive the cenſure of the Houſe upon his knees, from Mr. Speaker, and be then diſcharged, paying his Fees; which was done accordingly.

A Bill for ſupplying the Laws made againſt Bankrupts, was read the firſt time.

A Meſſage from His Majeſty by Sr. *Edward Cartarett*, Uſher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker, The King commands this Honourable Houſe to attend him immediately in the Houſe of Peers; and accordingly Mr. Speaker with the Houſe went up to attend His Majeſty.

The Houſe being returned, Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe with the Effect of His Majeſties Speech.

Ordered, That Sr. *Robert Peyton*, being in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, be brought to the Bar, and do receive the Cenſure of this Houſe upon his knees from Mr. Speaker, and that he be then diſcharged from further Confinement, paying his Fees; which was accordingly done.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will on Saturday morning next take into conſideration, His Majeſties Gracious Speech, this day made to both Houſes of Parliament.

The Houſe then according to their Order, Reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of ways and means, to ſecure this Kingdom againſt Popery and Arbitrary Power.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Powle* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Powle* acquaints the Houſe, that the Committee receiving Intimation, that there was a Meſſage at the door from the Lords, had ordered him to leave the Chair, and moved from the ſaid Committee, that the Houſe would be pleaſed, as ſoon as ſuch Meſſage ſhould be received, to reſolve again into a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Sr. *John Hoskins* and Sr. *Adam Dateley*.

Mr. Speaker, the Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, that they have agreed to the Bill ſent from this Houſe, entituled *An Act for the repeal of a Statute, made in the* 35th. *Year of the Reign of Queen* Elizabeth, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Powle* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Powle* reports from the Committee of the whole Houſe, That the Committee having taken the Matters to them referred, into conſideration, had agreed upon certain Reſolves, which he read in his place and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being read are as follows, *viz.*

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that one means for the suppressing Popery is, that the House be moved that a Bill be brought in to banish immediately all the considerable Papists out of the Kings Dominions.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that as long as the Papists have any hopes of the Duke of *York*'s succeeding the King in the Kingdoms of *England* and *Ireland*, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, the King's Person, the Protestant Religion, and the lives, liberties and properties of all his Majesties Protestant Subjects, are in apparent danger of being destroyed.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the House be moved that a Bill be brought in, for an Association of all His Majesties Protestant Subjects for the safety of His Majesties Person, the Defence of the Protestant Religion, and the preservation of His Majesties Protestant Subjects, against all Invasions and Oppositions whatsoever; and for the preventing the Duke of *York*, or any Papist from succeeding to the Crown.

The first of the said Resolves being read a second time,

And a motion being made for the adding the words (*of England*) after the word (*Papists*) in the said Resolve; which being agreed to by the House, and the same being inserted at the Clerks Table,

Resolved *Nemine Contradicente*, That this House doth agree with the Committee, that one means for the suppressing Popery, is, that a Bill be brought in to banish immediately, all the considerable Papists of *England* out of the Kings Dominions.

The second of the said Resolves being read a second time,

Resolved *Nemine Contradicente*, That this House doth agree with the Committee, that so long as the Papists have any hopes of the Duke of *York*'s succeeding the King in the Kingdoms of *England* and *Ireland*, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, the King's Person, the Protestant Religion, and the lives, liberties and properties of all His Majesties Protestant Subjects, are in apparent danger of being destroyed.

The Third of the said Resolves being read a second Time,

Resolved *Nemine Contradicente*. That this House doth agree with the Committee, that a Bill be brought in for an association of all His Majesties Protestant Subjects, for the safety of His Majesties Person, the Defence of the Protestant Religion, and the preservation of his Majesties Protestant Subjects, against all Invasions and Oppositions whatsoever; and for preventing the Duke of *York*, or any Papist, from succeeding to the Crown.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the first of the said Resolves.

Mr. *Powle* moving the House from the Committee of the whole House, that the House would be pleased, again to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to morrow morning at Ten of the Clock, upon the matter of this day's Debate.

Resolved, That this House will, to morrow morning at Ten of the Clock, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, further to consider of ways and means, to secure the Kingdom against Popery and Arbitrary Power.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue out his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Knight to serve in this present Parliament, for the County of *Middlesex*, in the room of Sr. *Robert Peyton* expelled this House.

I *Appoint* G. Kunholt *to print these* VOTES, *Perused by me, According to the Order of the* House of Commons; *and that no other Person presume to print them.* Dec. 15. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker*.

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Jovis 16° die Decemb. 1680.

Martin Mey and *Cornelius Steler* did this day take the Oaths of Allegeance and Supremacy at the Clerks Table in order to their Naturalization.

Ordered, That Mr. *Samuel Sandys* the Younger, and Mr. *Stokes* have leave to go into the Country.

A Bill for rectifying ſeveral Errors and Miſtakes in certain Deeds of Settlement made upon the Marriage of Sir *Charles Hoghton*, Barronet, with *Mary* the Daughter of *John* Lord Viſcount *Maſſareen*, was read a ſecond time.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants in the County of *Surry*, complaining of the Proceedings in an Eccleſiaſtical Court againſt them was read.

Ordered, That the conſideration of this Petition be referred to a Committee.

The ſame Committee is impowered to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, and to receive all other Complaints againſt the Proceedings of Eccleſiaſtical Courts, and to bring in a Bill or Bills for regulating the Proceedings of ſuch Courts.

A Petition of *Joſhua Brook* and other Merchants againſt the *African* Company was read.

Ordered, That the conſideration of this Petition be referred to a Committee to examin the matter thereof, and to report the ſame, with their opinions therein, to the Houſe.

Mr. *Booth* reports from the Committee to whom the Bill for the better regulating the Trials of the Peers of *England* was committed. That the Committe having taken the ſame into conſideration, had agreed to an Amendment to be made, and a Clauſe to be added to the ſame; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame were read. And a Motion being made to the Houſe that a Clauſe be added for Repeal of the Laws *De Scandalis Magnatum*.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed immediately to withdraw and prepare ſuch a Clauſe.

A Bill for Uniting his Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects to the Church of *England* was read the firſt time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond time on Monday morning next, after ten of the Clock, in a full Houſe.

A Bill for Exempting his Majesties Protestant Subjects, dissenting from the Church of *England*, from the Penalties of certain Laws was read the first time.

Resolved, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday morning next, after ten of the Clock, in a full House.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider of Presidents concerning the Imprisoning of Members of this House upon an Impeachment in Parliament, do make report thereof to morrow morning after ten of the Clock, in a full House.

The Amendments sent from the Lords to the Bill for repeal of the Statute made in the five and thirtieth year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth* were twice read, and upon the Question severally put were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, touching the Elections for the Boroughs of *Marlborough* in the County of *Wilts*, *St. Edmunds-bury* in the County of *Suffolk*, and Great *Marlow* in the County of *Bucks*, be made on Tuesday morning next.

Resolved, That this House will to morrow morning resolve it self into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of ways and means to secure the Kingdom against Popery and Arbitrary Power.

Mr. *Trenchard* reports from the Committee appointed to prepare a Clause for Repeal of the Laws made *De Scandalis Magnatum*, that the Committee had agreed upon a Clause, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table.

The House resuming the Consideration of the Amendments this day reported to be made to the Bill sent down from the Lords for the better regulating the Trials of Peers, and the Amendments being read a second time were upon the Question agreed to.

The Clause last reported being twice read, and upon the Question agreed to.

Resolved, That the said Clause be added to the said Bill.

And the Bill with the Amendments and Clauses being read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill thus amended do pass.

A Bill for restraining Papists from coming or residing within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or within twenty miles distance from the same, and from wearing and having Arms, was read the first time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time to morrow morning, and that it be the first business.

I *Appoint* Gabriel Kunholt *to Print these* VOTES, *Perused by me according to the Order of the* House of Commons; *And that no other Person presume to Print them.* Decemb. 16. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES of the HOUSE of COMMONS.

Veneris 17° die Decemb. 1680.

Ordered, That the Names of *Martin Mey*, and *Cornelius Steler*, who yesterday took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy at the Clerks Table, in Order to their Naturalization, be inserted in the Bill of Naturalization.

A Petition of *John Gold*, and *Henry Palmer*, was Read.

Ordered, That the Consideration of the said Petition be referred to the Committee Appointed to Examine the Proceedings of the Judges in *Westminster-Hall*, who are to Examine the Matter thereof, and to Report the same with their Opinions therein to the House.

A Petition of Mr *John Emarton* was Read.

Ordered, That the Consideration of this Petition be referred to the Committee Appointed to receive Complaints against the Proceedings of Ecclesiastical Courts; to Examine the Matter thereof, and Report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House.

A Petition of *Charles Cottington* Esq; was Read.

Ordered, That the Consideration of this Petition be referred to the Committee last mentioned, to Examine the Matter thereof, and Report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House.

A Petition of the Grand Jury of the County of *Middlesex* referred to a Committee, which Committee is impowred to bring in a Bill or Bills for Erecting a Court of Conscience to be held within the Jurisdiction of the said County of *Middlesex*, upon the Debate of the House.

Ordered, That Major *Bremen* have leave to go into the Country.

Ordered, That Captain *Castle*, being in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms Attending this House, be brought to the Bar, and do receive the Censure of the House upon his knees from Mr. Speaker, and be discharged, paying his Fees; which was done accordingly.

A Petition of *Richard Haines*, desiring leave that a Bill be brought in for Restraining Vagrants, and promoting the Woollen Manufacture, was Read.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for that purpose; and it is referred to a Committee to prepare the same

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more easie Collecting His Majesties Revenue arising by Hearth-money.

Ordered, That Sir *Nicholas Pelham*, and Sir *Thomas Wilbraham*, have leave to go into the Country.

An Engrossed Bill touching Persons buried in Woollen, was Read.

Resolved, That the Bill do Pass, and that the Title be an Additional Act for Burying in Woollen.

Ordered, That Sir *George Downing* do carry up the said Bill to the Lords, and desire their Lordships Concurrence therein.

A Bill for Continuance of Two Acts, the one entituled, *An Act for preventing the Planting of Tobacco in* England, *and Regulating the Plantation Trade*; The other, *An Act for Exporting Beer, Ale and Mum*, was Read a Second Time, and Committed.

Mr. Serjeant *Seyes* Reports from the Committee, to whom the Bill for taking away the Court holden before the President and Council in the Marches of *Wales*, was Committed.

Ordered, That the said Bill be ingrossed.

Sir *William Poultney* Reports from the Committee, to whom it was referred to Prepare the Impeachment against *Edward Seymour* Esq;, a Member of this House, and to search Presidents touching the Imprisoning Members of this House when Impeached in Parliament, That the Committee had directed him to make a special Report thereof, which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table.

Ordered, That the Articles of Impeachment againſt Mr. *Seymour*, Agre upon be ingroſſed.

And, That Mr. *Seymour* be taken in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms Attend ing this Houſe, for ſecuring of his Forth-coming to Anſwer to the Impeachment of this Houſe againſt him, until he ſhall have given ſufficient Security to this Houſe, to Anſwer to the ſaid Impeachment.

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms Attending this Houſe be impowred to receive Security for the forth coming of the ſaid Mr. *Seymour*, to Anſwer to the Impeachment of this Houſe.

Sir *William Poulney* Reports from the Committee Appointed to put the Article againſt Mr. *Seymour* into the form of an Impeachment, that the ſaid Committee had Agreed upon a Form which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table.

A Bill for Reſtraining Papiſts from coming or reſiding within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, or within Twenty Miles diſtant from the ſame; and from wearing and having Arms, was Read a Second Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be Committed upon the Debate of the Houſe.

The Houſe then according to the Order for the Day, Reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *Powle* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *Powle* Reports from the Committee of the whole Houſe, that the Committee having taken the Matters to them referred into Conſideration, had Agreed upon ſeveral Reſolves, which he Read in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table; where the ſame being Read, are as follow; *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Houſe be moved, that a Bill be brought in for the more Effectual Securing the Meeting and Sitting of frequent Parliaments.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Houſe be moved, that a Bill be brought in that the Judges may hold their Places and Salaries *quamdiu ſe bene geſſerint*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, as one Means to prevent Arbitrary Power, That the Houſe be moved that a Bill be brought in againſt Illegal Exaction of Money upon the People; and to make it High Treaſon.

The Firſt of the ſaid Reſolves being Read,

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee, that a Bill be brought in for the more effectual ſecuring of the Meeting and Sitting of frequent Parliaments, as one means to prevent Arbitrary Power.

The Second of the ſaid Reſolves being Read,

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth Agree with the Committee, that a Bill be brought in that the Judges hereafter to be made and appointed, may hold their Places and Salaries *quamdiu ſe bene geſſerint*; And alſo to prevent the Arbitrary Proceedings of the Judges.

The Laſt of the ſaid Reſolves being Read,

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth Agree with the Committee, that a Bill be brought in againſt Illegal Exaction of Money upon the People, and to make it High Treaſon.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills purſuant to the ſaid ſeveral Reſolves; and it is referred to a Committee.

I Appoint G. Kunholt *to print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed by me, According to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *and that no other Perſon preſume to print them.* Dec. 17. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker*.

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Sabbati 18° *die Decemb.* 1680.

Ordered,

THAT Sir *Ralph Carr*, a Member of this Houſe, who ſerves for the County of *Montgomery*, and Mr. *Edward Vaughan* in this Houſe, have leave to go into the Country.

A Bill to ſupply a Defective Conveyance made by Mr. *Roger Price* of the Manor of *Weſtbury* in the County of *Bucks* was read the firſt time.

Reſolved,

That this Bill be read a ſecond time.

An Ingroſſed Bill for taking away the Court holden before the Preſident and Council in the Marches of *VVales* was read a third time.

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be *An Act for taking away of the Court holden before the Preſident and Council in the Marches of* Wales.

Ordered,

That Sr. *Trevor Williams* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Lords for their Concurrence, the ſame was carried up accordingly.

Mr. *Hyde* acquaints the Houſe, That His Majeſty had directed him to communicate to the Houſe a Letter from one *Robards* to Mr. *Dugdale*, touching *William Pickering*, which Letter he delivered in at the Clerks Table, and the ſame being there Read;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Letter, together with the Letter lately ſent from Doctor *Lamphire* to Mr. Secretary *Jenkins*, be delivered by the Clerk of this Houſe to Mr. Attorney General in order to the Proſecution of the ſaid *Pickering* at Law.

The Houſe then according to their Order entred into the Conſideration of His Majeſties Gracious Speech made to both Houſes of Parliament on Wednesday laſt.

Reſolved,

That a Committee be appointed to prepare an humble Addreſs to His Majeſty upon the Debate of the Houſe in anſwer to His Majeſties Speech; and a Committee was named to draw up and prepare the ſame accordingly, and they are to meet at three of the Clock this afternoon in the Speaker's Chamber.

I *Do appoint* Gabriel Kunholt *to print theſe* VOTES, *Perused by me, According to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Decemb. 18. 1680. Wr. Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Lunæ 20° die Decemb. 1680.

A Bill for Sale of the Eſtate of *Joſeph Cowdin* deceaſed, for the payment of his Debts, and raiſing of Portions for his Daughters, was Read the Firſt Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be Read a Second Time.

Ordered, That *Samuel Cheaffin* be Summoned, to anſwer at the Bar of this Houſe for a Breach of Privilege by him committed againſt Sir *John Guſt*, a Member of this Houſe.

Sir *George Downing* Reports from the Committee to whom the Bill for Prohibiting the Importation of Cattle from *Scotland*, was Committed; that the Committee having taken the ſame into their Conſideration, had Agreed to ſome Amendments to the ſame: To which Amendments, the Houſe Agreed.

Ordered, That the Bill, with theſe Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent *Scotch* Pedlars from coming in to this Kingdom.

A Bill to Prohibit the Importation of Foreign Guns, *&c.* was Read the Firſt Time.

Reſolved, &c. That the Bill be Read a Second Time.

A Bill for the Sale of the Mannor of *Billingford*, and Lands in the County of *Norfolk*, for payment of the Debts of Sir *Edward Chiſenhale*, was Read a Second Time, and Committed.

Mr. *Leonell Playter* is to have notice and time given him, to attend the Committee; and the Committee is to inſpect the ſeveral Settlements and Mortgages mentioned in the Bill, and they are impowred to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to Receive and Examine the Accompts of the Commiſſioners appointed, by a late Act of Parliament, *To Pay off and Diſband the Forces Raiſed ſince the 29th of* September, 1677. And make Report thereof to the Houſe.

A Bill for the better Payment of an Annuity or Rent-charge of 130 *l. per Annum*, out of the Mannor of *Bexhill* in the County of *Suſſex*, to the uſe of the Poor of ſeveral Pariſhes in the County of *Surrey*, was Read a Second Time, and was Committed.

A Petition of *Henry Aulnutt* Eſq; was Read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Aulnutt* be brought to the Bar, and do receive the Cenſure of the Houſe, upon his Knees, from Mr. Speaker, and be then diſcharged, paying his Fees; which was accordingly done.

A Petition of *Thomas Herbert* Eſq; was Read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr. *Herbert* be brought to the Bar, and do receive the Cenſure of this Houſe, upon his Knees, from Mr. Speaker, and be then diſcharged, paying his Fees; which was done accordingly.

Mr. *Treby* Reports from the Committee of Elections and Privileges, to whom the matter of Election for the City of *Briſtol* was referred, That the

Committee having taken the ſame into their Conſideration, had Agreed upon two Reſolves, which he Read in his place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read, are as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, &c. That Sir *Robert Cann* was not duely Elected a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *Briſtol*.

Reſolved, &c. That *Robert Henley* Merchant, is duely Elected a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *Briſtol*.

The Firſt of the ſaid Reſolves being Read a Second Time,

Reſolved, &c. That this Houſe doth Agree with the Committee, that Sir *Robert Cann* was not duely Elected a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *Briſtol*.

The Second of the ſaid Reſolves being Read a Second Time, and the Queſtion being put that the Houſe do Agree with the Committee in this Reſolve,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, &c. That the Election for the City of *Briſtol*, as to Sir *Robert Cann*, and Mr. *Robert Henley*, is void.

Mr. *Treby* further Reports to the Houſe, that Sir *John Lloyd* late Mayor, *William Jackſon*, and *William Clutterbucke*, late Sheriffs of the ſaid City of *Briſtol*, did, at the time of the ſaid Election, commit ſeveral Miſdemeanors relating to the ſaid Election.

Ordered, That the ſaid Sir *John Lloyd*, *William Jackſon*, and *William Clutterbucke*, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, to anſwer at the Bar of this Houſe, for the Miſdemeanors by them committed at the ſaid Election.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the Electing of a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *Briſtol*.

The Ingroſt Articles of Impeachment againſt Mr. *Seymour*, a Member of this Houſe, being Read,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Articles be ſent up to the Lords.

Ordered, That Sir *Gilbert Gerrard* do carry up the ſame to the Lords.

Mr. *Hamden* Reports from the Committee appointed to prepare an Humble Addreſs to His Majeſty, upon the Debate of the Houſe, in anſwer to His Majeſties Speech, an Addreſs agreed upon by the Committee, to which the Houſe Agreed.

Ordered, That ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council, be deſired to know His Majeſties Pleaſure, when this Houſe may attend His Majeſty with the ſame Addreſs.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee appointed to Examine the Proceedings of the Judges in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, do make Report of the matters to them referred to morrow morning.

Ordered, That the Two Bills for the Eaſe of Proteſtant Diſſenters, be Read to morrow morning.

Ordered, That Sir *Francis Winnington* do, on Thurſday morning next, bring in a Bill for Baniſhing all the Conſiderable Papiſts of *England* out of His Majeſties Dominions.

Ordered, That the Knights of the reſpective Shires, Citizens of Cities, Burgeſſes of Burroughs, and Barons of the Cinque-Ports, do, in the mean time, bring in Liſts of all the Conſiderable Papiſts within the ſaid ſeveral Counties, Cities, Burroughs, and Cinque-Ports.

A Petition of *Algernon Sidney* Eſq; being preſented to the Houſe,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be Read to morrow morning.

I *Appoint* Gabriel Kunholt *to Print theſe VOTES, Peruſed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Decemb. 20. 1680. Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,
Martis 21° *die Decemb.* 1680.

Thomas Verigny did this day take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy at the Clerks Table in Order to his Naturalization.

A Bill to enable *John Jenner* Gent. to make leaſes of ſome part of his Eſtate for the payment of his Debts, and for the making proviſion for his younger Children was Read the firſt time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be Read a ſecond time.

Mr. *Papillon* reports from the Committee to whom the Bill for Naturalization of *Peter Elers* and others was Committed, that the Committee having taken the ſame into their Conſideration, had agreed to ſome amendments to be made to the ſame, which he Read in his place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read, were upon the queſtion agreed to.

Ordered, That the name of *Thomas Verigny* who this day took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, in order to his Naturalization, and whoſe Certificate of his having received the Sacrament was delivered in be inſerted in the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill with theſe amendments be engroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr. *George Savage* a Member of this Houſe have leave to go into the Country for recovery of his health.

Sr. *John Otway* Reports from the Committee to whom the Bill for Rectifying ſeveral errors and miſtakes in certain Deeds and Settlements made upon the marriage of Sr. *Charls Hoghton* Baronet, with *Mary* the Daughter of *John* Lord Viſcount *Maſſareen* was Committed. That the Committee having taken the ſame into their Conſideration, had agreed upon ſome amendments to be made to the ſame which he Read in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read were upon the Queſtion agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill with theſe Amendments be ingroſſed.

Mr. *Duboys* reports from the Committee appointed to prepare an humble Addreſs to His Majeſty for the remitting a Fine of 500 *li.* ſet upon *Benjamin Harris*. An Addreſs agreed upon by the Committee which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read was upon the Queſtion agreed to.

Ordered, That this Addreſs be preſented to His Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council.

Information being given to the Houſe, that *Henry Carew*, a Fryar of the Order of St. *Malo*'s, in *France*, hath for ſeverl years laſt paſt executed the Office of Surveyor of the Cuſtoms in the Port of *Briſtol*.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed to receive Informations touching the Popiſh Plot, to examin the Matter of this Information, and to report the ſame, with their Opinions therein, to the Houſe.

Sir *William Poultney* reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges to whom the Matter touching the Election for Great *Marlow* in the County of *Bucks* was referred, that the Committee having taken the ſame into their Conſideration had agreed upon ſeveral Reſolves which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read are as follows, *viz.*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that in the Borough of Great *Marlow* in the County of *Bucks*, thoſe Inhabitants onely who pay Scot

and Lot have Right to give Voices in the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Sir *Humphry Winch*, Baronet, is not duly Elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough of Great *Marlow*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that *Thomas Hobby*, Eſq; is not duly Elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Election for Grat *Marlow*, as to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Winch* and *Thomas Hobby* is void.

The firſt of the ſaid Reſolves being Read a ſecond time,

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee, that in the Borough of Great *Marlow* in the County of *Bucks*, thoſe Inhabitants onely who pay Scot and Lot have Right to give Voices in the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

The ſecond of the ſaid Reſolves being Read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee, That Sir *Humphry Winch* Baronet is not duly Elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of Great *Marlow*.

The Third of the ſaid Reſolves being Read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe dorh agree with the Committee, That *Thomas Hobby* Eſq; is not duly Elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid Borough.

The Fourth and laſt of the ſaid Reſolves being Read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree with the Committee, That the Election for Great *Marlow* as to the ſaid Sir *Humphry Winch* and *Thomas Hobby* is voyd.

Mr. *Hyde* acquaints the Houſe that his Majeſty according to the Order of the Houſe, having been waited on by ſuch Members of the Houſe as are of his Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council, to know his Majeſties pleaſure when this Houſe might attend him with an Addreſs. His Majeſty was pleaſed to appoint 3 of the Clock this afternoon for the Houſe to attend him in the Banqueting-houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the Electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of Great *Marlow* in the County of *Bucks*.

A Petition of Mr. *Baldwin Leighton* was Read,

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Grievances to examine the matter thereof, and Report the ſame with their opinions therein to the Houſe, and that the Committee do Sit on Thurſday next in the Afternoon.

A Bill for Uniting His Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects to the Church of *England* was Read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be Committed upon the Debate of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill for exempting His Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects diſſenting from the Church of *England*, from the penalties of certain Laws be Read on Thurſday morning next.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges touching the Election for St. *Eemundsbury* in the County of *Suffolk* be made on Thurſday morning next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in one or more Bill or Bills for Inſpecting and Correcting Pluralities and Non-reſidences relating to Eccleſiaſtical Benefices.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sidney*'s Petition be Read on Thurſday morning next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lucy* a Member of this Houſe have leave to go into the Country.

I *Appoint* Gabriel Kunholt *to Print theſe VOTES Peruſed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons, *and that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Decemb. 21. 1680. Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London Printed for *Gabriel Kunholt* Book-binder to his Highneſs Prince *RUPERT*; And are to be ſold at his Shop at the *King's-Head* over againſt the *Meuſe*.

Publiſhed by *Langley Curtis* in *Goat Court* on *Ludgate-Hill*.

I Appoint *John Wright*, and *Richard Chiſwell*, to Print this ADDRESS, Peruſed by me, According to the Order of the HOUSE of COMMONS; And that no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame. *Decemb.* 21*th.* 1680.

Wi WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

THE HUMBLE

ADDRESS

OF THE

HOUSE of COMMONS,

Preſented to His

MAJESTY,

Upon *Tueſday* the 21*th.* day of *December*, 1680.

IN ANSWER TO

His Majeſties

GRACIOUS

SPEECH

To both HOUSES of

PARLIAMENT,

Upon the 15*th.* day of the ſame *December.*

LONDON,

Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, and *Richard Chiſwell*, at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Paul's* Church-Yard. 1680.

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ADDRESS

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Upon Tueſday the 21 day of *December*, 1680.

IN

ANSWER

TO HIS

Majeſties Gracious SPEECH

To both Houſes

Of Parliament,

Upon the 15th day of the ſame *December*.

May it pleaſe Your moſt Excellent Majeſty,

WE Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons in this preſent Parliament Aſſembled, have taken into our ſerious Conſideration Your Majeſties Gra-

Gracious Speech to both Your Houſes of Parliament, on the 15th of this inſtant *December*, and do with all the grateful Senſe of Faithful Subjects, and ſincere Proteſtants, acknowledge Your Majeſties great Goodneſs to us, in renewing the Aſſurances You have been pleaſed to give us of Your readineſs to concur with us in any means for the Security of the Proteſtant Religion, and Your Gracious Invitation of us to make our deſires known to Your Majeſty.

But with grief of Heart we cannot but obſerve, that to theſe Princely Offers, Your Majeſty has been Adviſed (by what Secret Enemies to Your Majeſty and Your People we know not) to annex a Reſervation, which if inſiſted on, in the inſtance to which alone it is applicable, will render all Your Majeſties other Gracious Inclinations of no effect or advantage to us. Your Majeſty is pleaſed thus to limit Your promiſe of concurrence in the Remedies which ſhall be

be propoſed, that they may conſiſt with preſerving the Succeſſion of the Crown in its due and legal courſe of Deſcent. And we do Humbly inform Your Majeſty, that no Interruption of that Deſcent has been endeavoured by us, except onely the Deſcent upon the Perſon of the Duke of *York*, who by the wicked Inſtruments of the Church of *Rome*, has been manifeſtly perverted to their Religion. And we do Humbly repreſent to Your Majeſty, as the Iſſue of our moſt deliberate Thoughts and Conſultations, that for the Papiſts to have their hopes continued, that a Prince of that Religion ſhall ſucceed in the Throne of theſe Kingdoms, is utterly inconſiſtent with the Safety of Your Majeſties Perſon, the Preſervation of the Proteſtant Religion, and the Proſperity, Peace and Welfare of Your Proteſtant Subjects.

That Your Majeſties Sacred Life is in continual danger, under the proſpect of a Popiſh Succeſſor, is evi-

evident, not onely from the Principles of thoſe devoted to the Church of *Rome*, which allow that an Heretical Prince (and ſuch they term all Proteſtant Princes) Excommunicated and Depoſed by the Pope, may be deſtroyed and murther'd; but alſo from the Teſtimonies given in the proſecution of the Horrid *Popiſh Plot*, againſt divers Traitors Attainted for deſigning to put thoſe accurſed Principles into practice againſt Your Majeſty.

From the expectation of this Succeſſion, has the number of Papiſts in Your Majeſties Dominions ſo much encreaſed within theſe few years, and ſo many been prevailed with to deſert the true Proteſtant Religion, that they might be prepared for the Favours of a *Popiſh* Prince, aſſoon as he ſhould come to the poſſeſſion of the Crown: And while the ſame Expectation laſts, many more will be in the ſame danger of being perverted.

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This it is that has hardned the *Papists* of this Kingdom, animated and confederated by their *Priests* and *Jesuits*, to make a Common Purse, provide Arms, make application to Forreign Princes, and sollicite their Aid, for imposing Popery upon us; And all this even during Your Majesty's Reign, and while Your Majesty's Government, and the Laws were our protection.

It is Your Majesty's Glory and true Interest, to be the Head and Protector of all *Protestants*, as well abroad as at home: But if these hopes remain, what Alliances can be made for the advantage of the Protestant Religion and Interest, which shall give confidence to Your Majesty's Allies, to join so vigorously with Your Majesty, as the State of that Interest in the World now requires, while they see this *Protestant Kingdom* in so much danger of a *Popish* Successor; by whom at the present, all their Councils and Actions may be eluded, as hitherto they have been, and by whom (if he

ſhould ſucceed) they are ſure to be deſtroyed?

We have thus humbly laid before Your Majeſty, ſome of thoſe great Dangers and Miſchiefs which evidently accompany the expectation of a *Popiſh Succeſſor*. The certain and unſpeakable Evils which will come upon your Majeſty's *Proteſtant Subjects* and their poſterity, if ſuch a Prince ſhould inherit, are more alſo than we can well enumerate.

Our Religion, which is now ſo dangerouſly ſhaken, will then be totally overthrown; Nothing will be left, or can be found to protect or defend it.

The execution of old Laws muſt ceaſe, and it will be vain to expect new ones. The moſt ſacred Obligations of Contracts and Promiſes (if any ſhould be given) that ſhall be judged to be againſt the Intereſt of the *Romiſh Religion*, will be violated; as is undeniable, not only from Argument and Experience elſewhere, but from the ſad Experience this Nation once had on the like occaſion.

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In the Reign of ſuch a Prince, the Pope will be acknowledged Supream (though the Subjects of this Kingdom have ſworn the contrary) and all Cauſes, either as Spiritual, or in order to Spiritual Things, will be brought under his Juriſdiction.

The Lives, Liberties, and Eſtates of all ſuch *Proteſtants*, as value their Souls and their Religion more than their ſecular Concernments, will be adjudged forfeited.

To all this we might add: That it appears in the diſcovery of the Plot, that Forreign Princes, were invited to aſſiſt in ſecuring the Crown to the Duke of *York*; with Arguments from his great *Zeal* to eſtabliſh Popery, and to extirpate Proteſtants (whom they call *Hereticks*) out of his Dominions; and ſuch will expect performance accordingly.

We further humbly beſeech Your Majeſty, in Your great Wiſdom to conſider, Whether in caſe the Imperial Crown of this Proteſtant Kingdom, ſhould deſcend to the

the Duke of *York*; the oppoſition which may poſſibly be made to his poſſeſſing it, may not only endanger the farther deſcent in the Royal Line, but even Monarchy it ſelf.

For theſe Reaſons, we are moſt humble Petitioners to your moſt Sacred Majeſty, That in tender commiſeration of your poor Proteſtant people, Your Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to depart from the Reſervation in Your ſaid Speech; and when a Bill ſhall be tendred to Your Majeſty, in a Parliamentary way, to diſable the Duke of *York* from inheriting the Crown, Your Majeſty will give your Royal Aſſent thereto; and as neceſſary to fortify and defend the ſame, that your Majeſty will likewiſe be graciouſly pleaſed to Aſſent to an Act whereby your Majeſty's Proteſtant Subjects may be enabled to Aſſociate themſelves for the defence of your Majeſty's Perſon, the Proteſtant Religion, and the Security of your Kingdoms.

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These Requests we are Constrained Humbly to make to your Majesty as of Absolute Necessity, for the safe and peaceable Enjoyment of our *Religion*.

Without these things the Allyances of *England* will not be valuable, nor the People Encouraged to Contribute to your Majesties Service.

As some farther means for the Preservation both of our *Religion* and *Propriety*; We are Humble Suiters to your Majesty, that from henceforth such Persons onely may be *Judges* within the Kingdome of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, as are Men of Ability, Integrity, and known Affection to the *Protestant Religion*. And that they may hold both their Offices and Sallaries, *Quam diu se bene gesserint*. That (several Deputy-Leiutenants and Justices of the Peace, fitly qualified for those Imployments, having been of late displaced, and others put in their room, who are Men of Arbitrary Principles, and Countenancers of *Papists* and Popery) such only may bear the Of-

fice of a Lord-Lieutenant as are Perſons of Integrity and known Affection to the *Proteſtant Religion*. That Deputy-Lieutenants and Juſtices of the Peace may be alſo ſo qualified, and may be moreover Men of Ability, of Eſtates and Intereſt in their Countrey.

That none may be Imployed as Military Officers, or Officers in your Majeſties Fleet, but Men of known Experience, Courage and Affection to the *Proteſtant Religion*.

Theſe our Humble Requeſts being Obtained, we ſhall on our part be ready to Aſſiſt your Majeſty for the Preſervation of *Tangier*, and for putting your Majeſties Fleet into ſuch a Condition as it may preſerve your Majeſties *Soveraignty* of the Seas, and be for the Defence of the Nation.

If your Majeſty hath or ſhall make any neceſſary Allyances for defence of the *Proteſtant Religion*, and Intereſt and Security of this Kingdome; this Houſe will be

be ready to Aſſiſt and Stand by your Majeſty in the ſupport of the ſame.

After this our Humble Anſwer to your Majeſties Gracious Speech, we Hope no evil Inſtruments whatſoever ſhall be able to leſſen your Majeſties Eſteem of that Fidelity and Affection we bear to your Majeſties Service ; but that your Majeſty will always retain in your Royal Breaſt, that Favourable Opinion of us your Loyal *Commons*, that thoſe other Good Bills which we have now under Conſideration, Conduceing to the Great Ends we have before mentioned ; as alſo all Laws for the Benefit and Comfort of your People, which ſhall from time to time be tendred for your Majeſties Royal Aſſent, ſhall find acceptance with your Majeſty.

FINIS.

VOTES of the HOUSE of COMMONS.

Jovis Die 23° Decemb. 1680.

Ordered, That leave be given to Mr. *Henry Goreing*, a Member of the Houſe, to go into the Country.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do iſſue out his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the Electing of a Citizen, to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the City of *Chicheſter* in the room of Mr. *Farrington* deceaſed.

A Bill to enable *John Jenner* Gent. to make Leaſes of ſome part of his Eſtate for the payment of his Debts, and for making proviſion for his younger Children, was Read a Second Time, and committed.

A Bill for the more eaſie collecting the Duty of Hearth-money was Read the Firſt Time, and ordered a Second Reading.

An Engroſſed Bill for rectifying ſeveral errors and miſtakes in certain Deeds and Settlements, made upon the Marriage of Sr. *Charles Hoghton* Baronet, was Read the Third Time, and paſſed.

Ordered, That Sr. *John Otway* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Lords.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to Dr. *Burnett* for his Sermon yeſterday preached before this Houſe, and likewiſe for his Book relating to the Hiſtory of the Reformation of the Church of *England*, and that he be deſired to print his ſaid Sermon, and that Colonel *Titus* do acquaint him therewith.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill or Bills to correct and puniſh Atheiſm, Blaſphemy, Swearing and Debauchery, and for the better obſervation of the Lord's-Day.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Sr. *Miles Cook* and Sr. *John Francklin*.

Mr. Speaker, The Lords have commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, that they have Agreed to a Bill ſent from this Houſe, entituled *An Additional Act for burying in Woollen*, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Mr. Baron *Weſton* and Mr. Juſtice *Charleton*.

Mr. Speaker, The Lords have commanded us to ac-

quaint this House, that at their rising this day they do intend to adjourn till the next *Monday* Sevenight.

A Bill for Banishing Papists out of the King's Dominions was Read the First Time; and Ordered a Second reading to morrow morning.

Resolved, *&c.* That this House is content, that the Sheriffs of *London* and *Middlesex* do execute *William* late Viscount *Stafford*, by severing his Head from his Body only.

A Message from the Lords by Sr. *Miles Cook* and Sr. *John Francklin*.

Mr. Speaker, The Lords have commanded us to present this House with a Copy of Mr. *Seymour*'s Answer to the Articles of Impeachment exhibited against him.

Resolved, *&c.*

That it is the Opinion of this House, that Mr. *Joseph Brown* ought to be restored to all the Offices and Places which were taken from him, by occasion of a Judgment given against him in the Court of King's Bench in Trinity Term 29. *Caroli Secundi*, upon an Information for publishing an unlicensed Book, called *The Long Parliament dissolved*.

Ordered, That the Bill for exempting His Majesties Protestant Subjects, Dissenting from the Church of *England*, from the Penalties of certain Laws, be read a second time to morrow morning, The first business.

Colonel *Birch* reports from the Committee, to whom the Examination of the Complaint against *Richard Thompson* Clerk, was referred, That the Committee having taken the same into their consideration, had directed him to make a special Report thereof to the House, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table.

Ordered, That the said Report be read at the Table to morrow morning.

Ordered, That the Reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges touching the Elections of St. *Edmundsbury* in the County of *Suffolk* and *Marleborough* in the County of *Wilts*, be made to morrow morning.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sydney*'s Petition be Read to morrow morning.

I *Appoint* Gabriel Kunholt *to Print these* VOTES, *Perused by me, According to the Order of the* House of Commons; *and that no other Person presume to print them.* Dec. 23. 1680.
Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed by *Thomas Snowden* living in *Carter-lane*, for *Gabriel Kunholt*, Book-Binder to his Highness Prince *RUPERT*; And are to be sold at his Shop at the *King's Head* over against the *Mewse*.

Publish'd by *Langley Curtis* in *Goat-Court* upon *Ludgate-Hill*. 1680.

I Appoint John Wright, and Richard Chiswell, to Print these RESOLUTIONS, REPORT, RESOLVES, and VOTES, Perused by me, According to the Order of the HOUSE of COMMONS, And that no other Person presume to Print them.

Decemb. 16 80.

WILLIAMS, Speaker.

I Appoint *John Wright*, and *Richard Chiſwell*, to Print theſe RESOLUTIONS, REPORT, RESOLVES, and VOTES, Peruſed by me, According to the Order of the HOUSE of COMMONS; And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them. *23th. Decemb.* 1680.

Wi WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

THE

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

HOUSE of COMMONS,

FOR THE

IMPEACHMENT

OF

Sir *WILLIAM SCROGGS* Knt.

Chief Juſtice of the COURT of

King's Bench;

Sir *THOMAS JONES* Knight, one of the Juſtices of the ſame Court.

Sir *RICHARD WESTON* Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of *EXCHEQUER.*

Upon the Report of the Committee of the Commons Appointed to Examine the Proceedings of the Judges in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, and to Report the ſame, with their Opinions therein, to the Houſe; and alſo upon the RESOLVES and VOTES of the Commons in Parliament, upon that REPORT relating to the ARBITRARY and ILLEGAL Proceedings of the ſaid Judges.

Thurſday 23th. of *December.* 1680.

LONDON,

Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-Hill*, and *Richard Chiſwell*, at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Pauls* Church-yard. 1680.

THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE HOUSE of COMMONS, OR THE IMPEACHMENT OF Sir WILLIAM SCROGGS Knt. Chief Justice of the COURT of

King's Bench;

Sir THOMAS JONES Knight, one of the Justices of the same Court.

Sir RICHARD WESTON Knight, one of the Barons of the Court of EXCHEQUER.

Upon the Report of the Committee of the Commons Appointed to Examine the Proceedings of the Judges in *Westminster-Hall*, and to Report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House; and also upon the RESOLVES and VOTES of the Commons in Parliament, upon that REPORT relating to the ARBITRARY and ILLEGAL Proceedings of the said Judges.

Thursday 23th. of December, 1680.

LONDON,

Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-Hill*, and *Richard Chiswell*, at the Rose and Crown in St. *Paul's* Church-yard. 1680.

THE REPORT OF THE Committee OF THE COMMONS, Appointed to Examine THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE JUDGES, &c.

THis Committee being Inform'd, that in *Trinity*-Term laſt, the Court of *Kings-Bench* diſcharg'd the Grand Jury, that ſerv'd for the Hundred of *Oſſulſton*, in the County of *Middleſex*, in a very unuſual manner; proceeded to enquire into the ſame, and found by the Information of *Charles Umfrevill*, Eſq; Foreman of the ſaid Jury, *Edward Proby*, *Henry Gerard*, and *John Smith*, Gentlemen, alſo of the ſaid Jury, That on the 21*th* of *June* laſt, the Conſtables attending the ſaid Jury, were found Defective in not preſenting the *Papiſts* as they ought, and thereupon were ordered by the ſaid Jury to make further Preſentments of them on the 26 following, on which Day the *Jury* met for that purpoſe; when ſeveral Peers of this Realm, and other Perſons of Honour and Quality, brought them a Bill againſt *James* Duke of *York*, for not coming to *Church*: But ſome Exceptions being taken to that Bill, in that it did not ſet forth the ſaid Duke to be a *Papiſt*, ſome of the *Jury* Attended the ſaid perſons of Quality to receive Satisfaction therein. In the mean time, and about an Hour after they had received the ſaid Bill, ſome of the *Jury* Attended the Court of *Kings-Bench* with a Petition, which

they desired the Court to present in their Name unto His Majesty for the Sitting of this *Parliament*. Upon which the Lord Chief Justice *Scroggs* raised many Scruples, and on pretence that they were not all in Court (tho' twenty of the *Fury* had subscrib'd the Petition) sent for them, saying, he would dispatch them presently. The *Fury* being come, and their Names called over, they renewed their Desire that the Court would present their Petition: But the Chief Justice ask'd, if they had any Bills? they Answered, They had, but the Clerks were drawing them into Form: Upon which the Chief Justice said, They would not make two Works of one Business: and the Petition being Read, he said, This was no Article of their Charge, nor was there any Act of *Parliament* that required the Court to deliver the *Grand Fury's* Petitions: That there was a *Proclamation* about them; And that it was not reasonable the Court should be obliged to run on their Errands: And he thought it much, that they should come with a Petition to alter the Kings Mind declared in the News Book. The *Fury* said, They did it not to Impose on the Court, but (as other *Furies* had done) with all Submission they desired it: But the Court refused, bidding the Cryer return them their Petition: And Mr. Justice *Jones* told them, They had medled with Matters of State, not given them in Charge, but presented no Bills of the Matters given in Charge. They answered as before, They had many before them, that would be ready in due time. Notwithstanding which, the said Justice *Jones* told them, They were Discharged from further Service. But *Philip Ward* (the Clerk that Attended the said *Fury*) eryed out, No, No, they have many Bills before them; for which the Court understanding (as it seems to this Committe) a secret Reason, which the Clerk did not, reproved him, Asking if he or they were to give the Rule there? The Cryer then told the Court, They would not receive their Petition; the Chief Justice bid him let it alone; so it was left there, and the *Fury* returned to the Court-House, and there found several Constables with Presentments of *Papists* and other Offenders, as the *Fury* had directed them on the 21*th* before, but could not now receive the said Presentments, being discharged. Whereby much business was obstructed, tho' none of the said Informants ever knew the said *Fury* discharged before the last Day of the Term, which was not till Four days after. And it further Appeareth to the Committee, by the Evidences of *Samuel Astrey*, *Jasper Waterhouse*, and *Philip Ward*, Clerks, that have long

served

ſerved in the ſaid Court, That they were much ſurprized at the ſaid diſcharging of the *Fury*, in that it was never done in their Memory before; and the rather, becauſe the ſaid *Waterhouſe*, as Secondary, conſtantly enters on that *Grand Fury's* paper, that the laſt day of the Term is given them to return their Verdict on, as the laſt day but one is given to the other Two Grand *Furies* of that County, which Entry is as followeth;

Trinit. 32. Car. 2d.

Middleſex. Oſſulſton Hundred

Iuarores habent diem ad Veredictum ſuum reddendum uſq; diem Mercurij proxime poſt tres Septimanas, ſancte Trinitatis.

Being the laſt day of the Term, and ſo in all the other Terms the laſt day is given; which makes it appear to this Committee, That they were not in truth Diſcharged for not having their Preſentments ready, ſince the Court had given them a longer day, but onely to obſtruct their further Proceedings; And it appeareth by the Evidence aforeſaid to this Committee, That the four Judges of that Court were preſent at the Diſcharging of the ſaid *Fury*, and it did not appear that any of them did Diſſent therein; upon Conſideration whereof, the Committee came to this Reſolution.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Diſcharging of the Grand *Fury* of the Hundred of *Oſſulſton* in the County of *Middleſex*, by the Court of *Kings-Bench* in *Trinity*-Term laſt, before the laſt day of the Term, and before they had finiſht their Preſentments, was Illegal, Arbitrary, and an High Miſdemeanour.

This Committee proceeded alſo to inquire into a Rule of the Court of *Kings-Bench*, lately made againſt the publiſhing a Book called, *The Weekly Pacquet of Advice from* Rome; or, *The Hiſtory of* Popery: and *Samuel Aſtrey* Gent. examined thereupon, inform'd this Committee, that the Author of the ſaid Book *Henry Car*, had been informed againſt for the ſame and had pleaded to the Information: but before it was Tryed, a Rule was made on a Motion, as he ſuppoſeth, againſt the ſaid Book: All the Judges of that Court (as he remembers) being preſent, and none diſſenting. The Copy of which Rule he gave in to this Committee, and is as followeth.

Dies Mercurij proximè poſt tres Septimanas, ſancte Trinitatis. Anno 32 Car. 2d. *Regis.*

Ordinatum eſt quod liber intitulat, The Weekly Pacquet of Advice from *Rome*, or, The Hiſtory of *Popery*, *non ulterius Imprimatur vel publicetur per aliquam Perſonam quam cunq;*

Per. Cur.

And this Committee admiring that Protestant Judges should take offence against a Book whose chief design was to expose the Cheats and Foppery of Popery, enquired further into it, and found by the Evidence of *Jane Curtis*, that the said Book had been Licens'd for several Months, that her Husband paid for the Coppy, and enter'd it in the Hall-Book of the Company: But for all this, she could not prevail by these Reasons with the Lord Chief Justice *Scroggs* to permit it any longer; who said, 'Twas a Scandalous Libel, and against the King's Proclamation, and he would ruine her if ever she printed it any more: And soon after she was served with the said Rule, as the Author and other Printers were; and by the Author's Evidence it appears, That he was taken and brought before the said Chief Justice by his Warrant above a year since, and upon his owning he writ part of that Book, the Chief Justice called him Rogue, and other ill names; saying, he would fill all the Goals in *England* with such Rogues, and pile them up as men do Faggots, and so committed him to prison, refusing sufficient Bayl, and saying, he would Goal him to put him to Charges; and his Lordship observed his word punctually therein, forcing him to his *Habeus Corpus*, and then taking the same Bayl he refused before; upon which, this Committee came to this Resolution.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Committee, That the Rule made by the Court of *Kings-Bench* in Trinity Term last, against printing a Book called, *The Weekly Pacquet of Advice from* Rome, is Illegal and Arbitrary.

And the Committee proceeded further, and upon Information that a very great latitude had been taken of late by the Judges, in imposing Fines on the persons found Guilty before them, caused a Transcript of all the Fines imposed by the *Kings-Bench* since Easter Term in the 28*th* of His Majesties Reign, to be brought before them from the said Court by *Samuel Astrey* Gent. by perusal of which, it appear'd to this Committee, That the quality of the Offence, and the Ability of the person found Guilty, have not been the Measures that have determined the quantity of many of these Fines, which being so very numerous, the Committee refer themselves to those Records as to the general, instancing in some particulars, as followeth.

Upon

...seph Brown of London, Gent. on an Information Trinit. 29.
f... g a printed Book called, *The Long Parliament* Car. 2.
... which is set forth these words: *Nor let any man*
..., *that we account it treason for you to sit and act*
... *laws: for if in the first Parliament of* Richard
...es *and* Welton *for lack of Courage only were ad-*
... *High Treason for surrendring the places commit-*
... *trust; how much more you, if you turn Renegadoes*
...e *that intrusted you, and as much as in you lye sur-*
... *a little pitiful Castle or two, but all the legal defence*
...e *of* England *have for their Lives, Liberties, and Pro-*
... *once. Neither let the vain perswasion delude you, That*
...*ient can be found, that one English Parliament hath*
...o *another; tho peradventure even that may be proved a*
... *: for an unprecidented Crime calls for an unprecidented*
...*ent; and if you shall be so wicked to do the one, or ra-*
...*eavour to do (for now you are no longer a Parliament)*
...*n ground of confidence you can have that none will be found*
so worthy to do the other, we cannot understand: and do faith-
fully promise, if your unworthiness provoke us to it, that we
will use our honest and utmost endeavours (whenever a new
Parliament shall be called) to chuse such as may convince you
of your mistake: the old and infallible Observation, That Parlia-
ments are the pulse of the people, *shall lose its esteem: or you*
will find, that this your presumption was over-fond; however
it argues but a bad mind to sin, because it's believed it shall not
be punished. The Judgment was, That he be fin'd 1000 Marks, be bound to the good behaviour for seven years, and his name struck out of the Roll of the Attorneys, without any offence alledged in his said Vocation. And the publishing this Libel consisted only in superscribing a Pacquet, with this inclosed, to the *East Indies.* Which Fine he not being able to pay (living only upon his Practice) he lay in prison for three years, till His Majesty graciously pardon'd him, and recommended him to be restored to his Place again of Attorney, by His Warrant dated the 15. of *Decemb.* 1679. Notwithstanding which, he has not yet obtained the said Restauration from the Court of Kings Bench.

Upon *John Harrington* of *London*, Gent. for speaking Hill. 29 & 30: Car. 2.
these words laid in *Latin* thus: *Quod nostra Gubernatio de tribus statibus consistibat, & si Rebellio eveniret in regno, & non accideret contra omnes tres status, non est Rebellio.* A Fine of 1000 *l.* Sureties for the Good behaviour for seven years,

and to recant the words in open Court; which Fine he was in no capacity of ever paying.

Hill. 31 & 32 Car. 2. Upon *Benjamin Harris* of *London*, Stationer, on an Information for printing a Book call'd, *An Appeal from the Countrey to the City*, ſetting forth theſe words: *We in the Countrey have done our parts, in chuſing for the generality good Members to ſerve in Parliament: but if (as our two laſt Parliaments were) they muſt be diſſolved or prorogued whenever they come to redreſs the grievances of the ſubject, we may be pitied, not blam'd, if the Plot takes effect; and in all probability it will. Our Parliaments are not then to be condemn'd, for that their not being ſuffer'd to ſit, occaſion'd it.* Judgment to pay 500 *l.* Fine, ſtand on the Pillory an hour, and give Sureties for the good behaviour for three years. And the ſaid *Benj. Harris* inform'd this Committee, That the Lord Chief Juſtice *Scroggs* preſt the Court then to add to this Judgment his being publickly whipt; but Mr. Juſtice *Pemberton* holding up his hands in admiration at their ſeverity therein, Mr. Juſtice *Jones* pronounc'd the Judgment aforeſaid; and he remains yet in priſon, unable to pay the ſaid Fine.

Notwithſtanding which Severity in the Caſes forementioned, this Committee has obſerved the ſaid Court has not wanted in other Caſes an extraordinary Compaſſion and Mercy, though there appear'd no publick reaſon judicially in the Trial; as in particular:

Hill. 31 & 32. Car. 2. Upon *Thomas Knox* principal, on an Indictment of Subornation and Conſpiracy againſt the Teſtimony and Life of Dr. *Oates* for Sodomy; and alſo againſt the Teſtimony of *William Bedloe*; a Fine of 200 Marks, a years Impriſonment, and to find Sureties for the good behaviour for three years.

Eod. Ter. Upon *John Lane*, for the ſame offence, a Fine of 100 Marks, to ſtand in the Pillory for an hour, and to be impriſon'd for one year.

Par. 32. Car. 2. Upon *John Tasborough* Gent. on an Indictment for Subornation of *Stephen Dugdale*, tending to overthrow the whole Diſcovery of the Plot: The ſaid *Tasborough* being affirmed to be a perſon of good quality, a Fine of 100 *l.*

Eod. Ter. Upon *Ann Price* for the ſame offence, 200 *l.*

Trin. 32. C. 2. Upon *Nathaniel Thompſon* and *William Badcock*, on an Information for Printing and Publiſhing weekly a Libel, call'd *The true Domeſtick Intelligence*, or *News both from City and Country*, and known to be Popiſhly affected, a Fine of 3, 6, 8, on each of them.

Upon *Mathew Turner*, Stationer, on an Information for vending and publiſhing a Book, call'd *the Compendium*, where in the Juſtice of the Nation in the late Tryals of the Popiſh Conſpirators, even by ſome of theſe Judges themſelves, is highly Arraign'd; and all the Witneſſes for the King horribly aſperſt: and this being the Common Notorious Popiſh Bookſeller of the Town, Judgment to pay a Fine of 100 Marks, and is ſaid to be out of Priſon already. Eod. Ter.

Upon *Loveland*, on an Indictment for a Notorious Conſpiracy and Subornation againſt the Life and Honour of the Duke of *Buckingham*, for Sodomy, a Fine of 5 *l.* and to ſtand an hour in the Pillory. Trin. 32. C. 2.

Upon *Edward Chriſtian*, Eſq; for the ſame Offence, a Fine of 100 Marks, and to ſtand an hour in the Pillory. And upon *Arthur Obrian*, for the ſame offence, a Fine of 20 Marks, and to ſtand an hour in the Pillory. Mich. 32. C. 2.

Upon Conſideration whereof, this Committee came to this Reſolution:

Reſolv'd, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Court of *Kings-Bench* (in the Impoſition of Fines on Offenders of late years) hath acted Arbitrarily, Illegally and Partially, favouring Papiſts, and perſons Popiſhly affected, and exceſſively oppreſſing His Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects.

And this Committee being inform'd, That ſeveral of his Majeſties Subjects had been Committed for Crimes Baylable by Law, although they then tendred ſufficient Sureties, which were refus'd, only to put them to vexation and charge, proceeded to enquire into the ſame, and found that not only the foremention'd *Henry Carr* had been ſo refus'd the Common Right of a Subject, as is aboveſaid; but that *George Broome*, being a Conſtable laſt year in *London*, and Committing ſome of the Lord Chief Juſtice *Scroggs* Servants for great Diſorders, according to his Duty, he was in few days arreſted by a Tipſtaff, without any *London* Conſtable, and carried before the ſaid Chief Juſtice by His Warrant, to anſwer for the Committing of thoſe perſons aboveſaid; but being there, was accuſed of having ſpoken irreverently of the ſaid Chief Juſtice; and an *Affidavit* read to him to that purpoſe, which was falſly (as the ſaid *George Broome* affirms) Sworn againſt him by two perſons that uſe to be Common Bayl in that Court, and of very ill reputation.

putation. Upon which he was Committed to the *Kings-Bench*, though he then tendred two able Citizens and Common-Council-men of *London* to be his Bayl: and he was forc't to bring his *Habeas Corpus* to his great Charge before he came out: When the Marſhall, Mr. *Cooling*, exacted 5 *l.* of him; of which he complain'd to the Chief Juſtice, but had no other Anſwer, But he might take his Remedy at Law. But the ſaid Marſhall fearing he ſhould be queſtioned, reſtor'd him two *Guineys* of it.

And further this Committee was inform'd by *Francis Smith*, Bookſeller, That about *Michaelmas* was Twelve-month he was brought before the ſaid Chief Juſtice by his Warrant, and charged by the Meſſenger, *Robert Stephens*, That he had ſeen ſome parcels of a Pamphlet, call'd, *Obſervations on Sir* George Wakeman's *Tryal*, in his Shop: Upon which the Chief Juſtice told him, he would make him an Example; uſe him like a Boar in *France*, and pile him and all the Bookſellers and Printers up in Priſon, like Faggots; and ſo Committed him to the *Kings-Beneh*: Swearing and Curſing at him in great fury. And when he tendred three ſufficient Citizens of *London* for his Bail, alledging Impriſonment in his circumſtances would be his utter ruin; the Chief Juſtice replied, The Citizens look't like ſufficient perſons, but he would take no bail; and ſo he was forc't to come out by *Habeas Corpus*, and was afterwards inform'd againſt for the ſame matter, to his great charge and vexation. And a while after *Francis* (the Son of the ſaid *Francis Smith*) was committed by the ſaid Chief Juſtice, and bail refus'd, for ſelling a Pamphlet call'd, *A New years gift* for the ſaid Chief Juſtice, to a Coffee-houſe; and he declared to them he would take no bail, for he would ruin them all.

And further it appear'd to this Committee, that the ſaid Chief Juſtice (about *October* was twelve month) committed in like manner *Jane Curtis*, ſhe having a husband and children, for ſelling a Book call'd, *A Satyr againſt Injuſtice*, which his Lordſhip call'd a Libel againſt him; and her friends tendring ſufficient Bail, and deſiring him to have mercy on her poverty, and condition; he ſwore by the name of God ſhe ſhould go to priſon; and he would ſhew no more mercy than they could expect from a Wolf that came to devour them; and ſhe might bring her *Habeas Corpus* and come out ſo: Which ſhe was forc'd to do; and after inform'd againſt and proſecuted to her utter ruin, four or five Terms after.

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In like manner it appeared to this Committee, that about that time also, *Edward Berry* (Stationer of *Grays Inn*) was committed by the said Chief Justice, being accus'd of selling *The Observations on Sir* George Wakeman's *Tryal*; and though he tendered 1000 *l.* Bail, yet the Chief Justice said, he would take no Bail, he should go to Prison, and come out according to Law. And after he with much Trouble and Charge got out by *Habeas Corpus*, he was forc'd by himself, or his Attorney, to attend five Terms before he could be discharg'd, though no Information was Exhibited against him in all that time. In Consideration whereof, and of others of the like Nature, (too tedious here to relate) this Committee came to this Resolution,

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the refusing sufficient Bail in these Cases, wherein the Persons Committed were Bailable by Law: Was Illegal, and a High Breach of the Liberty of the Subject.

And this Committee being Informed of an extraordinary kind of a Charge, given at the last Assizes at *Kingston* (in the County of *Surrey*) by Mr. *Baron Weston*, and proceeding to examine several Persons then and there present: It was made appear to this Committee, by the Testimony of *John Cole*, *Richard Mayo*, and *John Peirce*, Gentlemen, and others (some of whom put down the said Barons words in writing immediately) that part of the said Charge was to this effect: He inveighed very much against *Farel*, *Luther*, *Calvin*, and *Zuinglius*, condemning them as Authors of the Reformation: Which was against their Princes minds, and then adding to this purpose, *Zuinglius set up his Fanaticisme, and Calvin built on that blessed Foundation: And to speak truth, all his Disciples are seasoned with such a sharpness of Spirit, that it much concerns Magistrates to keep a strait hand over them: And now they are restless, amusing us with fears, and nothing will serve them but a Parliament: For my part, I know no Representative of the Nation but the King; all Power Centers in him: 'Tis true, he does intrust it with his Ministers, but he is the sole Representative; and I faith, he has wisdom enough to intrust it no more in these men, who have given us such late Examples of their Wisdom and Faithfulness.* And this Committee taking the said matter into their Consideration, came to this Resolution.

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Expressions in the Charge given by the said *Baron Weston*, were a Scandal to the Reformation, in Derogation of the Rights and Priviledges of Parliaments, and tending to raise Discord between his Majesty and his Subjects.

And this Committee being Informed by several Printers and Book-sellers, of great Trouble and Vexation given them unjustly by one *Robert Stephens*, (called a Messenger of the Press) the said *Stephens* being Examined by this Committee, by what Authority he had proceeded in that manner, Produced two Warrants under the hand and Seal of the Chief Justice *Scroggs*, which were, *In hæc verba*:

Angl. ff. WHereas *There are divers ill disposed persons who do dayly Print and Publish many Seditious and Treasonable Books and Pamphlets, endeavouring thereby to dispose the minds of his Majesties Subjects to Sedition and Rebellion. And also infamous Libels reflecting upon particular persons, to the great scandal of his Majesties Government. For Suppressing whereof, his Majesty hath lately issued out his Royal Proclamation. And for the more speedy suppressing the said Seditious Books, Libels and Pamphlets, and to the end that the Authors and Publishers thereof may be brought to their punishment.*

These are to will and require you, and in His Majesties Name to charge and command you, and every of you, upon sight hereof, to be Aiding and Assisting unto Robert Stephens, *Messenger of the Press, in the seizing on all such Books and Painphlets as aforesaid, as he shall be informed of, in any Book-sellers or Printers Shops or Ware-houses, or elsewhere whatsoever, to the end they may be disposed as to Law shall appertain; Also if you shall be informed of the Authors, Printers, or Publishers of such Books or Pamphlets as are abovementioned, you are to Apprehend them, and have them before one of His Majesties Justices of the Peace, to be proceeded against according to Law. Dated this 29th day of* November, 1679.

To *Robert Stephens* Messenger of the Press, and To all Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Constables, and all other Officers and Ministers whom these may concern.

WILLIAM SCROGGS.

Angl. ſſ. WHereas *The King's Majeſty hath lately Iſſued out His Proclamation for Suppreſſing the Printing and Publiſhing Unlicenſed News-Books, and Pamphlets of News: Notwithſtanding which, there are divers Perſons who do daily Print and Publiſh ſuch Unlicenſed Books and Pamphlets.*

Theſe are therefore to Will and Require You, and in His Majeſty's Name to Charge and Command You, and every of You, from Time to Time, and at all Times, ſo often as You ſhall be thereunto required, to be Aiding and Aſſiſting to Robert Stephens, *Meſſenger of the Preſs, in the Seizing all ſuch Books and Pamphlets as aforeſaid, as he ſhall be informed of, in any Book-ſeller's Shop, or Printer's Shop or Ware-houſes, or elſewhere whatſoever, to the End they may be diſpoſed of as to Law ſhall appertain. Likewiſe, if You ſhall be Informed of the Authors, Printers or Publiſhers of ſuch Books and Pamphlets, You are to Apprehend them, and have them before Me or one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, to be Proceeded againſt as to Law ſhall appertain. Dated this 18th. Day of* May, Anno Dom. 1680.

To all Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Conſtables, and all other Officers and Miniſters whom theſe may concern.

WILLIAM SCROGGS.

To *Robert Stephens*, Meſſenger of the Preſs.

Upon View whereof this Committee came to this Reſolution.

Reſolved, *That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Warrants are Arbitrary and Illegal.*

And this Committee being informed of certain Scandalous Diſcourſes, ſaid to be uttered in publick places by

by the Lord Chief Juſtice *Scroggs*, proceeded to Examine Sir *Robert Atkins*, late one of the Juſtices of the Common-Pleas, concerning the ſame, by whom it appears, That at a Seſſions Dinner at the *Old Bayly* (in the Majorality of Sir *Robert Clayton*) who was then preſent, The ſaid Chief Juſtice took Occaſion to ſpeak very much againſt Petitioning, Condemning it as Reſembling 41, as Factious and tending to Rebellion, or to that Effect, to which the ſaid Sir *Robert Atkins* made no Reply, ſuſpecting he waited for ſome Advantage over him: But the Chief Juſtice continuing and Preſſing him with the ſaid Diſcourſe, he began to juſtifie Petitioning as the Right of the People, eſpecially for the Sitting of a Parliament, which the Law Requires, if it be done with Modeſty and Reſpect. Upon which the Chief Juſtice fell into a great Paſſion; and there is ſome Reaſon to believe, that ſoon after he made an ill Repreſentation of what the ſaid Sir *Robert* had then ſpoke unto his Majeſty. And this Committee was further Informed, that the ſaid Sir *Robert Atkins* being in Circuit with the ſaid Chief Juſtice at Summer Aſſizes was Twelve-month, at *Monmouth*, (Mr. *Arnold*, Mr. *Price*, and Mr. *Bedlow* being then in Company) the Chief Juſtice fell ſeverely in Publick upon Mr. *Bedlow*, taking off the Credit of his Evidence, and alledging he had over-ſhot himſelf in it, or to that Effect; very much to the Diſparagement of his Teſtimony: And the ſaid Sir *Robert* defending Mr. *Bedlows* Evidence and Credit, he grew extream Angry and Loud, ſaying to this Effect, *That he verily Believed* Langhorn *Dyed Innocently.* To which the ſaid Sir *Robert* Replyed, he wondred how he could think ſo, who had Condemned him himſelf, and had not moved the King for a Reprieve for him. All which matters of Diſcourſe this Committee humbly Submit to the Wiſdom and Conſideration of this Houſe, without taking upon them to give any Opinion therein.

And

And this Committee proceeded further to inquire into ſome Paſſages that happened at *Lent Aſſizes* laſt for the County of *Somerſet*, at the Tryal of *Thomas Dare* Gent. there, upon an Indictment for ſaying falſly and ſeditiouſly, *That the Subjects had but two means to Redreſs their Grievances, One by Petitioning, the Other by Rebellion:* And found, that though by his other diſcourſe when he ſaid ſo, that it appeared plainly he had no Rebellious intent, in that he ſaid, *Then God forbid there ſhould be a Rebellion, he would be the firſt man to draw his Sword againſt a Rebel*; yet he was proſecuted with great violence: And having pleaded *Not Guilty*, he moved Mr. Juſtice *Jones* (who then ſate Judge there) that he might try it at the next *Aſſizes*, for that Mr. *Searle* (who was by at the ſpeaking of the words, and a materi l Witneſs for his defence) was not then to be had, and an *Affidavit* to that purpoſe was made and received. But the ſaid Juſtice *Jones* told him, That was a Favor of the Court onely, and he had not deſerved any Favor, and ſo forc'd him to try it preſently. But the Jury, appearing to be an extraordinary one, provided on purpoſe, being all of Perſons that had highly oppoſed Petitioning for the Sitting of this Parliament, he was adviſed to withdraw his Plea; and the ſaid Juſtice *Jones* encouraging him ſo to do, he confeſt the words, denying any Evil Intention, and gave the ſaid Juſtice an account in writing of the Truth of the whole matter, and made a ſubmiſſion in Court, as he was directed by the ſaid Juſtice: who promis'd to recommend him to His Majeſty, but impoſed a Fine of 500 *l.* on him, and to be bound to the Good Behavior for three years; Declaring alſo, That he was turned out from being a Common-Councellor of the Corporation of *Taunton* in the ſaid County, on pretence of a Clauſe in their Charter, giving ſuch a power to a Judge of *Aſſize*. And the ſaid *Thomas Dare* remains yet in Priſon for the ſaid Fine; in which matter of the Tryal aforeſaid, this Committee deſireth to refer itſelf to the Judgment of this Houſe.

The RESOLUTIONS of the HOUSE of COMMONS Upon the ſaid Report.

I.

THat it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the Diſcharging of the Grand Jury of the Hundred of *Oſwalſton*, in the County of *Middleſex*, by the Court of *Kings Bench* in *Trinity Term* laſt, before the laſt day of the Term, and before they had finiſhed their Preſentments, was Arbitrary and Illegal, deſtructive to publick Juſtice, a manifeſt Violation of the Oaths of the Judges of that Court, and a means to ſubvert the Fundamental Laws of this Kingdom, and to Introduce Popery.

II.

THat it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the Rule made by the Court of *Kings Bench* in *Trinity Term* laſt, againſt Printing of a Book, called, *The Weekly Pacquet of Advice from Rome*, is Illegal and Arbitrary thereby, uſurping to themſelves Legiſlative Power, to the great Diſcouragement of the Proteſtants, and for the Countenancing of Popery.

III.

THat it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the Court of *Kings-Bench* in the Impoſition of Fines on Offenders, of late Years, have acted Arbitrarily, Illegally, and Partially, favouring Papiſts and Perſons Popiſhly affected, and exceſſively oppreſſing His Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects.

IV.

THat it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the refuſing ſufficient Bail in theſe Caſes, wherein the Perſons committed were Bailable by Law, was Illegal, and a high Breach of the Liberties of the Subject.

V.

THat it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the ſaid Expreſſions in the Charge given by the ſaid Baron *Weſton*, were a Scandal to the Reformation, and tending to raiſe Diſcord between His Majeſty and His Subjects, and to the Subverſion of the Ancient Conſtitution of Parliaments, and of the Government of this Kingdom.

VI.

THat it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the ſaid Warrants are Arbitrary and Illegal.

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THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMONS, FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF THE SAID JUDGES.

Reſolved,

THat Sir *William Scroggs* Knight, Chief Juſtice of the Court of *Kings-Bench*, be Impeached upon the ſaid Report, and the Reſolutions of the Houſe thereupon.

Reſolved,

That Sir *Thomas Jones*, one of the Juſtices of the ſaid Court of *Kings-Bench*, be Impeached upon the ſaid Report, and Reſolutions of the Houſe thereupon.

Reſolved,

That Sir *Richard Weſton*, one of the Barons of the Court of *Exchequer*, be Impeached upon the ſaid Report, and Reſolutions of the Houſe thereupon.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to prepare an Impeachment againſt Sir *Francis North*, Chief-Juſtice of the Court of *Common-Pleas*, do prepare Impeachments againſt the ſaid Sir *William Scroggs*, Sir *Thomas Jones*, and Sir *Richard Weſton*, upon the ſaid Report and Reſolutions.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Report, and ſeveral Reſolutions of this Houſe thereupon, be Printed; and that *Mr. Speaker* take care in the Printing thereof apart from this days other Votes.

FINIS.

THE

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

COMMONS

ON THE

IMPEACHMENT

OF THE SAID

JUDGES.

VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Veneris 24° *die Decemb.* 1680.

A Bill for Sale of the Eſtate of *Joſ. Cowden* deceaſed, for the Payment of his Debts and Raiſing of Portions for his Daughters, was Read a ſecond time and Committed.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to Repeal the Law made for Regulating of Corporations.

Sir *Rich. Corbet* reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges to whom the Matter touching the Election for the Borough of St. *Edmunds-bury*, in the County of *Suffolk*, was referred, that the Committee having taken the ſame into their Conſideration had agreed upon two Reſolves, which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read are as follow, *viz.*

Reſolved, &c. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Sir *Tho. Harvey*, Kt. is duly Elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of St. *Edmunds-bury* in the County of *Suffolk*.

Reſolved, &c. That it is the Opinion of this Committe, that *Tho. Germin*, Eſq; is duly Elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of St. *Edmunds-bury* in the County of *Suffolk*.

To which Reſolves the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Treby* reports to the Houſe from the Committee of Elections and Privileges to whom the Matter of the Election for the Borough of *Barnſtaple*, in the County of *Devon*, was referred, that the Committee having taken the ſame into their Conſideration had agreed upon two Reſolves, which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read, are as follow, *viz.*

Reſolved, &c. That *Arthur Acland*, Eſq; is not duly Elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Barnſtaple* in the County of *Devon*.

Reſolved, &c. That *Rich. Lee*, Eſq; is duly Elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Barnſtaple*.

To which Reſolves the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Treby* farther acquaints the Houſe with ſeveral Miſdemeanours committed by *John Fairchild*, late Mayor of the ſaid Borough, at the ſaid Election.

Ordered, That the ſaid *John Fairchild* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe to anſwer at the Bar of this Houſe for the Miſdemeadours by him committed at the ſaid Election.

Mr. *Treby* reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges to whom the Matter of the Election for the Borough of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*, was referred, That the Committee having taken the same into their Consideration had agreed upon two Resolves, which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table, where the same being Read, are as follow, *viz.*

Resolved, &c. That *Tho.* Lord *Bruce* is duly Elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of *Marlborough* in the County of *Wilts*.

Resolved, &c. That *Tho. Bennett*, Esq; is duly Elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the said Borough of *Marlborough*.

To which Resolves the House agreed.

The Report from the Committee appointed to examin the Matters of Complaint against *Rich. Thompson*, Clerk, being read at the Clerks Table, and the Matters being debated in the House,

Resolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That *Richard Thompson*, Clerk, has publickly defamed His Sacred Majesty, preached Sedition, villified the Reformation, promoted Popery, by asserting Popish Principles, decrying the Popish Plot, and turning the same upon the Protestants; and endeavoured to subvert the Liberty and Property of the Subject, and the Rights and Priviledges of Parliament; and that he is a Scandal and Reproach to his Function.

Resolved, &c. That the said *Rich. Thompson* be impeach'd upon the said Report and Resolution.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to prepare the said Impeachment.

Ordered, That the said Report and Resolution of this House thereupon be forthwith printed.

A Bill for Exempting his Majesties Protestant Subjects dissenting from the Church of *England* from the Penalties of certain Laws was Read a second time.

Resolved, &c. That the said Bill be committed upon the Debate of the House to the Committee to whom the Bill for Uniting of His Majesties Protestant Subjects is committed upon the Debate of the House.

A Bill for Banishing Papists out of the King's Dominions was Read a second time.

Resolved, &c. That the Bill be committed upon the Debate of the House.

Then the House adjourned to *Thursday* the 30 of this instant *Decemb.*

I *Appoint* Gabriel Kunholt *to Print these VOTES, Perused by me according to the Order of the* House of Commons; *And that no other Person presume to Print them.* Decemb. 24. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed for *Gabriel Kunholt* Book-binder to his Highness Prince *RUPERT*; And are to be sold at his Shop at the *King's-Head* over against the *Mewse*.

Published by *Langley Curtis* in *Goat-Court* upon *Ludgate-Hill*.

I Appoint Francis Smith, and Benjamin Harris, to Print this Report and Resolution, Perused by me, According to the Order of the HOUSE of COMMONS; And that no other Person presume to Print the same. Decem. 23. 1680.

WI. WILLIAMS, Speaker.

I Appoint *Francis Smith*, and *Benjamin Harris*, to Print this Report and Reſolution, Peruſed by me, According to the Order of the *HOUSE* of *COMMONS*; And that no other Perſon preſume to Print the ſame, *Decem.* 24th. 1680.

Wi WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

THE

REPORT

FROM THE

Committee of the Commons in Parliament,

Appointed by the Honourable

HOUSE of COMMONS,

To consider the Petition of

RICHARD THOMPSON

Of *BRISTOL*, Clerk;

AND TO

Examine Complaints against him.

AND THE

RESOLUTION

Of the COMMONS in

PARLIAMENT

Upon this REPORT,

FOR HIS

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REPORT

FROM THE

Committee of the Commons in Parliament,

Appointed by the Honourable

HOUSE of COMMONS

To consider the Petition of

RICHARD THOMPSON

OF BRISTOL, Clerk;

AND TO

Examine Complaints against him

AND THE

RESOLUTION

Of the COMMONS in

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The Report from the *Committee* of the *Commons* in *Parliament*, appointed to Conſider the Petition of *Richard Thompſon*, and to Examine Complaints againſt him.

At the Committee *appointed to take into Conſideration the Petition of* Richard Thompſon, *Clerk; and to Examine the Complaints againſt him.*

In the Firſt Place,

THE *Committee* read unto the ſaid *Thomſon*, the Heads of the Complaint againſt him; Which (for the moſt part) he denying, deſired to have his Accuſers brought Face to Face: Whereupon the *Committee* proceeded to the Examination of Witneſſes, to prove the ſaid Complaint.

The Firſt Witneſs *Examined, ſaith,*

That there being a great Noiſe and Rumor, that Mr. *Thompſon* had prepared a Sermon to be Preached on the *Thirtyeth of January*, 1679. the ſaid Witneſs went to the ſaid Sermon, and did hear Mr. *Thompſon* publickly declare, That the *Presbyterians* were ſuch Perſons, as the very *Devil* Bluſh't at them; and that the Villain *Hamden* grudged, and made it more Scruple of Conſcience, to give Twenty Shillings to the KING, for ſupplying his Neceſſities by Ship-Money and Loan, which was His Right by Law, than to raiſe Rebellion againſt Him: And that the *Presbyterians* are worſe (and far more Intollerable) than either *Prieſts* or *Jeſuits*.

The Second ſaith,

That hearing a great Talk and Noiſe ſpread of a Sermon to be Preached by Mr. *Thompſon*, on the *Thirtyeth of January*, 1679. was minded to hear the ſame, and accordingly did; at which he writ ſome Notes; amongſt which, he ſaith; That Mr. *Thompſon* openly preached, That the *Devil* Bluſh't at the *Presbyterians*; and that the Villain *Hamden* grudged more to give the KING Twenty Shillings, which was his Juſt Due by Law, (Ship-Money and Loan) than to raiſe Rebellion againſt Him; and that a *Presbyterian*-Brother, *qua talis*, was as great a Traytor by the Statute, as any *Prieſt* or *Jeſuite* whatſoever.

That he heard, that Mr. *Thompſon* ſaid; That he hoped the *Presbyterians* would be pulled out of their Houſes, and the Jayles filled with them: and wiſh't their Houſes burnt.

The Third ſaith,

That he was Cited to the Biſhop's Court, to Receive the Sacrament laſt *Eaſter*; but being out of Town at that Time, did Receive it at a Place called *Purl* in *Wilt-ſhire*; and that a Month after he came Home, was again Cited to the ſaid Court; and he did accordingly appear, and told the Court, That he hoped his Abſence and Buſineſs might be accepted for a Lawful Excuſe: Upon which Mr. *Thompſon* immediately ſaid, That they would proceed to Excommunicate him. Upon which, this Informant produced his Certificate, of which the Chancellor approved, and ſaid, It was Lawful. Hereupon Mr. *Thompſon* ſaid, That his Receiving the Sacrament from any other Miniſter, than the Miniſter of the Pariſh wherein he dwelled, Was Damnation to

his

his Soul; and that he would maintain this Doctrine.

The Fourth ſaith,

That being at *Briſtol*-Fair, he heard a great talk and noiſe of a Satyr-Sermon prepared, and deſigned to be Preached by Mr. *Thompſon* againſt the Presbyterians, on the *Thirtieth* of *January*, 1679; and that very many reſorted to hear him: In which Sermon, the ſaid Mr. *Thompſon* declared and ſaid, That there was a great Talk of a Plot: but (ſayes he) a *Presbyterian* is the man: And further added, That the Villain *Hamden*, ſcrupled to give the King 20s. upon Ship Money and Loan, which was his due by law, but did not Scruple, to raiſe Rebellion againſt Him.

The Fifth ſaith,

That Mr. *Tompſon* in a Sermon Preached the *Thirtieth* of *January*; 1679. did ſay, that the *Presbyterians* did ſeem to out-vie *Mariana*, and that *Calvin* was the firſt that Preached the **King-Killing Doctrine**; and that after he had quoted *Calvin* often, ſaid, If this be true then, a *Presbyterians*-Brother *qua talis*, is as great a Traitor as any Prieſt or Jeſuite; And that then he condemned all the Proceedings of Parliaments.

The Sixth ſaith,

That the ſaid Mr. *Tompſon* had utter'd many ſcandalous words concerning the Act for *Burying in Woollen*, affirming, That the makers of that Law, were a Company of *Old Fools and Fanaticks, and that he would bring a School-Boy, ſhould make a better Act than that, and Conſtrue it when he had done.*

The Seventh ſaith,

That Mr. *Thompſon* in a Sermon by him Preached (while Petitions for the ſitting of this Parliament were on Foot) ſpeaking of a Second Rebellion by the *Scotch*, who had Framed a Formidable Army, and came as far as *Durham* to deliver a Petition forſooth; & that they ſeemed rather to *Command*, than *Petition* their Sovereign to Grant; And Comparing that Petition with the then Petition on Foot, greatly invey'd againſt it, and ſcoffed much at it.

The Eighth ſaith,

That Mr. *Thompſon*, (when the Petition was on Foot for the ſitting of this Parliament) uſed at the Funeral Sermon of one Mr. *Wharton* theſe words, (pointing at the Dead ſaid) That he was no Schiſmatical Petitioning Rebel, and that by his inſtigations, the Grand-Jury of *Briſtol* made a Preſentment of their deteſtation againſt Petitioning for the ſitting of the Parliament; that the ſaid Mr. *Thompſon* had told him, that he was Governour to Mr. *Narbor*, when he was beyond Sea; and ſaid, That he had been very often (and above one hundered times) at Maſs, in the great Church at *Paris*, and uſually gave half a Crown to get a Place to hear a certain Doctor of that Church, and that he was like to be brought over to that Religion; and that when he went beyond-Sea, did not know but that he might be of that Religion before his return. That he is very Cenſorious, and Frequently caſts evil Aſperſions againſt ſeveral Divines at *Briſtol* of great Note, *viz.* Mr. *Chetwind*, Mr. *Standfaſt*, Mr. *Groſman*, Mr. *Palmer* and others, ſaying, That ſuch as went to their Lectures, were the Brats of the Devil.

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The 9th, That Mr. *Thompſon* in his preaching inveyed bitterly againſt Subſcribing Petitions for Sitting of this Parliament, ſaying, That it was the Seed of Rebellion and like to Forty one; and that the Devil ſet them on work, and the Devil would pay them their Wages; ſaying, That before he would ſet his hand to ſuch Petitions, he would cut it off, yea and cut them off.

The 10th, ſaith, That about two years ſince, being in the Chancel of St. *Thomas* Church in *Briſtol*, where Queen *Elizabeth*'s Effigies is, Mr. *Thompſon* pointing his Finger to it, ſaid, That ſhe was the worſt of Women, and a moſt lewd and infamous Woman: Upon which this Informant replied, He never heard any ſpeak ill of her; thereupon Mr. *Thompſon* ſaid, She was no better than a Church-Robber, and that *Henry* the 8th begun it, and that ſhe finiſh'd it.

The 11th. *Rowe* ſaith, That in the year 1678, he waited on the Mayor to Church, and that Mr. *Thompſon* who was there, railed at *Henry* the Eighth, ſaying, He did more hurt in Robbing the Abby Lands, than he did good by the Reformation. That after Dinner Mr. *Thompſon* comes to this Informant, and claps his Hands on his Shoulders, ſaying, Hah Boy, had Queen *Elizabeth* been living you needed not to have been Sword-bearer of *Briſtol*. The ſaid *Rowe* asked him why? He replied, She loved ſuch a luſty Rogue (ſo well) as he was; and he would have been very fit for her Drudgery at *White-hall*.

The 12th. ſaith, That he heard a great noiſe of a Sermon to be preached by Mr. *Thompſon* on the 30th of *January*, 1679, to the ſecond part of the ſame Tune: And that he was preſent at the ſame Sermon, in which Mr. *Thompſon* ſaid, There was a great noiſe of a Popiſh Plot, but, ſays he, Here is nothing in it but a Presbyterian

Plot; for here they are going about to Petition for the Sitting of the Parliament, but the end of it will be to bring the Kings Head to the Block, as they have done his Father.

The 13th. ſaith, That in *January* laſt, or thereabouts, there was a Petition going about for the Sitting of this Parliament, when Mr. *Thompſon*, in *Redcliff* Church, in his Sermon, ſaid, It was a Seditious and Rebellious Petition, and rather than he would ſign it, his Hand ſhould be cut off.

The 14th. ſaith, The Eighth day of *April*, he going to pay Mr. *Thompſon* his Dues, ſpeaking concerning the Meerers in private; Mr. *Thompſon* ſaid, He would hall them out and fill the Goals with them, and hoped to ſee their Houſes a-fire about their Ears in a ſhort time; and this he the ſaid *Thompſon* doubled again and again.

The 15th, ſaith, That about *December* 1679, Mr. *Thompſon* came to viſit his Mother, being ſick, and diſcourſing of Religion, The ſaid, *Thompſon* ſaid, If he were as well ſatisfied of other things, as he was of Juſtification, Auricular Confeſſion, Penance, Extream Unction and Criſme in Baptiſm, he would not have been ſo long ſeparated from the Catholick Church. And further affirmed, That the Church of *Rome* was the True Catholick Church. He further endeavoured to prove Extream Unction, and Auricular Confeſſion, as well as he could, out of the Epiſtles. Further, he hath heard him ſay, The King was a Perſon of mean and ſoft Temper, and could be led eaſily to any thing, but yet a *Solomon* in vices; but that the Duke of *York*, was a Prince of a brave Spirit, would be faithful to his Friends, and that it was our own Faults that he was a Roman Catholick, in that we forc't him to fly into *France* where he imbraced that Religion: About the ſame time, he the ſaid *Thompſon*, ſaid the Church would be Militant, but greatly commended the Decency of Solemnizing the Maſs in *France*; and

that

that it was performed with much more Reverence and Devotion then any other Religion doth uſe. He further heard him ſay in a Sermon, about the time of Petitioning, he would rather cut off his hand then Sign it, and had many bad Expreſſions of it; that it was the Seed of Rebellion and like 40 and 41: And further, the ſaid Mr. *Thompſon* at one *Sandfords* Shop door in *Birſtol*, ſpeaking of *Bedlow*, ſaid, That he was not to be believ'd, becauſe *Bedlow* had ſaid he, meaning Mr. *Thompſon*, was at St. *Omers*, where Mr. *Thompſon* ſaid he was not; and that *Bedlow* was of a bad Life and in many Plots, and not to be credited in any thing he ſaid: And that in another Diſcourſe he commended the Romiſh Clergy for their ſingle Life and is himſelf ſo; and did at the ſame time Vilify and Rail at the Engliſh Clergy for Marrying; ſaying it was better for a Clergy Man to be Guelt, then to Marry, and that the Calviniſts in *France* were Lecherous Fellows, and could ſcarce be two years a Prieſt without a Wife. About the time, and after the Election of Sir *John Knight* to this Parliament, Mr. *Thompſon* ſaid he was not fit to be believ'd, and as bad as any Fanatick. He further ſaid in the Pulpit at St. *Thomas*'s, that after Excommunication by the Biſhop, without Abſolution from the Spiritual Court, ſuch a one was ſurely Damned; and he would Pawn his Soul for the Truth of it.

Mr. *Thompſon* after the Evidence given by every particular Perſon Face to Face, was asked to every one, If he had any Queſtions to ask before they called another? Who anſwer'd, He ſhould not ſay any thing at preſent. When the Witneſſes before-mentioned, were all Examined, Mr. *Thompſon* being deſir'd to make his Defence, and declare whether he were Guilty of the Matters laid to his charge; did for the greateſt part confeſs words ſpoken to that effect; and in other things endea-

endeavoured to turn the words with more favour towards himſelf; but the Witneſſes being of great Credit, and many more being ready to have made good the ſame things, the Committee look'd upon the buſineſs to be of a high Nature, and therefore ordered the matter to be reported ſpecially; leaving it to the Wiſdom of the Houſe.

The Reſolution of the Houſe of Commons, upon the ſaid Report.

Reſolved, Nemine contradicente,

THat *Richard Thompſon* Cler. Hath publickly defamed his Sacred Majeſty, preached Sedition, vilified the Reformation, promoted Popery, by aſſerting Popiſh Principles, decrying the Popiſh Plot, and turning the ſame upon the Proteſtants; and endeavoured to ſubvert the Liberty and Property of the Subject, and the Rights and Priviledges of Parliament; and that he is a Scandal and Reproach to his Function.

And that the ſaid Richard Thompſon, *be impeached upon the ſaid Report and Reſolution of the Houſe. And a Committee is appointed to prepare the ſaid Impeachment, and to receive further Inſtructions againſt him; and to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records.*

FINIS.

VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Jovis 30° Die Decemb. 1680.

THE Clerk of the Crown being called in, amended the return for *Barnſtaple* in the County of *Devon* by razing out the Name of *Arthur Ackland*, and inſerting the Name of *Richard Lee* Eſq; in the Indenture.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Thiſtlethwayte* a Member of this Houſe, have leave to go into the Country.

A Petition of *William Townſend* was Read.

Ordered,

That it be referred to the Committee, appointed to receive Complaints againſt the proceedings of Eccleſiaſtical Courts, to examine the matter of the ſaid Petition, and to Report the ſame with their Opinions therein, to the Houſe.

Sr. *George Downing* Reports from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the better Encouragement of the Woollen Manufacture of *England*, by the general wearing thereof, was committed; That they had agreed to ſeveral Amendments to be made to the Bill, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame being Read, were upon the Queſtion ſeverally Agreed to by the Houſe.

The Queſtion being propoſed, that the ſaid Bill and Amendments be engroſſed,

And a Debate ariſing in the Houſe thereupon,

Reſolved, &c.

That the Debate be adjourned to this day fortnight.

 Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Grand Committee of Trade do ſit on next Saturday Seven night.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to prepare Evidence againſt the Lords in the Tower, do look into the Evidence againſt the four Popiſh Lords in the Tower, and do report their Opinions to the Houſe in Order to the further Directions and Proceedings of the Houſe againſt them.

Ordered,

That an humble Application be made to His Majeſty from this Houſe, by ſuch Members thereof as are of His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council, to deſire His Majeſty to give Orders, that the Information and Evidence given by Mr. *Serjeant* and others before His Majeſty in Council, in the Caſe of *John Gavan*, executed for High Treaſon, and alſo all other Evidences, Informations, Writings, Letters and Papers delivered in to the Council, relating to the Popiſh Plot, may be communicated to this Houſe.

Reſolved,

That the ſeveral Writings, Papers and Proceedings, relating to ſuch Members of the late long Parliament, who received Allowances out of the Moneys appointed for ſecret Service, be produced to this Houſe.

Reſolved *Nemine Contradicente*,

That no Member of this Houſe ſhall accept of any Office or Place of Profit from the Crown, without the leave of this Houſe; or any promiſe of any ſuch Office or Place of Profit, during ſuch time as he ſhall continue Member of this Houſe.

Reſolved,

That all Offenders herein, be expelled this Houſe.

Ordered,

That the Bill for the better Diſcovery of Settlements of Eſtates for ſuperſtitious Uſes, be Read to morrow morning, the firſt buſineſs.

I *Do appoint* Gabriel Kunholt *to Print theſe* VOTES, *peruſed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons, *and that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* Decemb. 30. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Veneris 31° die Decemb. 1680.

A Bill prohibitting the Importation of forein Guns was Read a ſecond time.

The Queſtion being put that the Bill be committed.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved,

That the Bill be rejected.

Ordered,

That leave be given to bring in a Bill for regulating the Abuſes in making of Casks, Barrels, and other Veſſels.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to peruſe the Laws relating to Weights and Meaſures, and to report their Opinions therein to the Houſe, and to bring in a Bill or Bills for the better regulating and aſcertaining the ſame.

Ordered,

That leave be given to bring in a Bill for a general Naturalization of Alien-Proteſtants, and allowing them liberty to exerciſe their Trades in all Corporations.

A Bill for the Relief of the Subject againſt Arbitrary Fines was Read a ſecond time.

Reſolved,

That the Bill be committed.

Mr. *Hyde* acquaints the House that His Majesty, according to the Order of the House, having been attended by such Members of this House as are of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, desiring His Majesty to give Orders that such Evidences and Informations as were given in to the Council by Mr. *Serjeant* and others in the Case of *John Gavan* executed for High Treason; and for all other Evidences, Papers, Writings, Letters and Informations, delivered in to the Council relating to the Popish Plot, might be communicated to this House: His Majesty was pleased to declare His Commands that the same should be delivered accordingly.

And further acquainted the House, That Sir *John Nicholas* one of the Clerks of the Council had assured him that all the said Papers were already transmitted to the House of Lords.

And then the House Adjourned to Monday morning eight of the Clock.

I *Appoint* Gabriel Kunholt *to Print these* VOTES *Perused by me, according to the Order of the* House of Commons, *and that no other Person presume to Print them.* Decemb. 31. 1680.

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VOTES

Of the HOUSE of

COMMONS,

Lunæ 3° Die Januar. 1680.

AN Engroſſed Bill for the Naturalization of *Peter Elers*, and others, was Read a third time.

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs, and that the Title be, *An Act for the Naturalization of* Peter Elers, *and others Aliens born.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Papillon* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Lords for their Concurrence.

An Engroſſed Bill for Prohibiting the Importation of Cattle from *Scotland*, was Read a third time.

Reſolved,

That the Bill do paſs, and that the Title be, *An Act limiting the times of Importation of Cattle from* Scotland.

Ordered,

That Sir *George Downing* do carry up the Bill to the Lords for their Concurrence.

A Bill for Repealing an Act made in the Thirteenth year of His now Majeſties Reign, Intituled, *An Act for the Well Governing and Regulating of Corporations*, was Read the firſt time.

Reſolved,

That the Bill be Read a ſecond time, on Thurſday morning next.

A Bill for the better diſcovery of Settlements of Eſtates for Superſtitious Uſes, was Read the firſt time.

Reſolved,

That the Bill be Read a ſecond time on Friday morning next, after Ten of the Clock, in a full Houſe.

Mr. *Treby* Reports from the Committee of Elections and Priviledges, to whom the matter touching the Election for the Borough of *Steyning*, in the County of *Suſſex*, was referred, That the Committee having taken the ſame into their Conſideration, had agreed upon Two Reſolves: *viz.*

I. That *John Tuſton* Eſq; was not duely Elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament, for the Borough of *Steyning* in the County of *Suſſex*.

II. That *Philip Gell* Eſq; is duely Elected a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the Borough of *Steyning*: To both which Reſolves the Houſe agreed with the Committee.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Crown do attend to morrow morning, to amend the Return for *Steyning*.

A Petition of *John Fairchild*, in cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, was Read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid *John Fairchild* be brought to the Bar of this Houſe to morrow morning.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Sir *John Coell*, and Sir *Timothy Baldwin*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have ſent this Houſe a Bill, Intituled, *An Act for diſtinguiſhing Proteſtant Diſſenters from Popiſh Recuſants*: To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Sir *Edward Harley* Reports from the Committee to whom the Bill to regulate Elections of Members to ſerve in the Commons Houſe of Parliament, and the Bill to prevent the Offences of Bribery and Debauchery in ſuch Elections, were Committed; That the Committee having taken the ſaid Bills into their Conſideration, had reduced the ſame into one Bill, and had agreed upon ſeveral Amendments to be made, and Clauſes to be added to the ſame, which he Read in his place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table; which, with ſome Amendments made at the Table, upon the Queſtion were ſeverally agreed to by the Houſe. The Clauſe to be inſerted being Read,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Clauſe be Recommitted to the ſaid Committee, upon the Debate of the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Sir *John Coell*, and Sir *Timothy Baldwin*.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have ſent us to put this Houſe in mind of the Bill for the better regulating the Tryals of the Peers of *England*.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Sir *Miles Cooke*, and Sir *Adam Oteley*.

Mr. Speaker,

We are commanded to acquaint this Houſe, That the Lords have received a Petition from Mr. *Seymour*, wherein he deſires a day may be appointed for his ſpeedy Trial; That their Lordſhips finding no iſſue by Replication of the Commons, think fit to give this Houſe notice thereof.

The Anſwer of *Edward Seymour* Eſq; to the Articles of Impeachment Exhibited againſt him by the Commons aſſembled in Parliament, was Read.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to prepare Evidence againſt Mr. *Seymour*, and manage the ſame at his Trial.

Sir *Richard Corbet* Reports from the Committee appointed to prepare an Impeachment againſt Sir *William Scroggs* Knight, Chief-Juſtice of the Court of *Kings-Bench*, upon the former Report of the ſaid Committee, and the Reſolutions of the Houſe thereupon; That the Committee having taken the Matters to them referred into Conſideration, had agreed upon ſeveral Articles of Impeachment againſt the ſaid Sir *William Scroggs*, which he Read in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame were Read.

The Queſtion being propoſed, that the ſaid Articles be Ingroſſed, and a Debate ariſing in the Houſe thereupon,

Reſolved,

That the Debate be adjourned till Wedneſday morning next, after Ten of the Clock, in a full Houſe.

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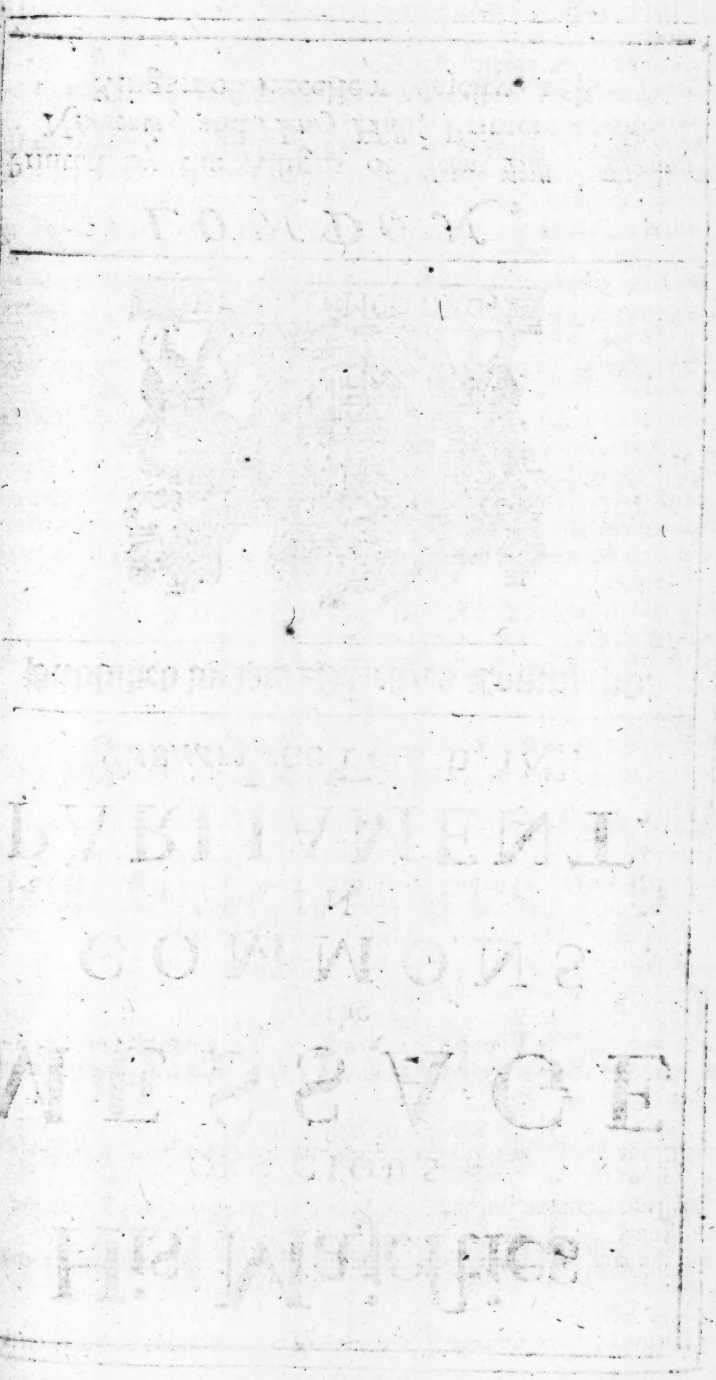

His Majesties GRACIOUS MESSAGE To the COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT,

January the Fourth, $16\frac{80}{81}$.

CHARLES R.

HIS Majesty receiv'd the Addres of this House with all the disposition They could wish, to comply with Their reasonable Desires; but upon perusing it, He is sorry to see Their Thoughts so wholly fix'd upon the Bill of Exclusion, as to determine that all other Remedies for the suppressing

of

of Popery will be ineffectual: His Majesty is confirmed in his Opinion against the Bill by the Judgment of the House of Lords, who rejected it. He therefore thinks there remains nothing more for Him to say in answer to the Address of this House, but to recommend to Them the Consideration of all other Means for the Preservation of the Protestant Religion, in which They have no reason to doubt of His concurrence, whenever they shall be presented to Him in a Parliamentary Way; And that They would Consider the Present State of the Kingdom, as well as the Condition of Christendom, in such a manner, as may enable Him to preserve *Tanger*, and secure His Alliances abroad, and the Peace and Settlement at home.

FINIS.

VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS.

Martis 4° *die Januarii* 1680.

THE Clerk of the Crown being called in amended the Return for the Borough of *Stajning* in the County of *Suſſex*, by taking off the Indenture wherein *John Tufton*, Eſq; was returned, and by raſing out the name of the ſaid *John Tufton*, and inſerting the name of *Philip Gell*, Eſq; in the other Indenture.

A Petition of *Algernoon Sidney*, Eſq; touching the Election for the Borough of *Agmondeſham* in the County of *Bucks* was Read.

Ordered,

That the Merits of the ſaid Petitioner be heard at the Bar of this Houſe upon Wedneſday the 12. of this inſtant *January*.

Sir *William Temple* delivered in a Meſſage from His Majeſty to this Houſe, which being Read by Mr. Speaker, the Houſe reſolved to take the ſaid Meſſage into Conſideration upon Friday next after Ten of the Clock in a full Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Sir *Timothy Baldwin* and Sir *Miles Cooke*.

Mr. *Speaker*,

We are commanded to acquaint this Houſe that the Lords have paſs'd a Vote, *viz.*

Die Martis 4. *Januarii*, 1680.

Reſolved by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament Aſſembled, That they do declare, that they are fully ſatisfied that there now is, and for divers years laſt paſt there hath been, a Horrid and Treaſonable Plot and

Conſpiracy contrived and carried on by thoſe of the Popiſh Religion in *Ireland*, for Maſſacring the *Engliſh*, and Subverting the Proteſtant Religion, and the ancient eſtabliſhed Government of that Kingdom; to which their Lordſhips deſire the concurrence of this Houſe.

They have further commanded us to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips have agreed to the Bill ſent from this Houſe, Entituled, *An Act for the Rectifying ſeveral Errors and Miſtakes in the Marriage Settlement of Sir* Charles Hoghton, *Baronett*; without any Amendments.

The Houſe according to their Order proceeded to the calling over the Members thereof.

Ordered,

That ſuch Members of this Houſe, whoſe Default of Attendance was entred this day, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, and that they be not admitted to ſit in the Houſe before they ſhall have paid their Fees, and have the Leave of this Houſe.

Reſolved *Nemine contradicente*,

That ſuch Members of this Houſe, who in this time of imminent Danger do abſent themſelves without the Leave of the Houſe are to be reputed Deſerters of their Truſt, and Neglecters of that Duty they owe to this Houſe and their Country.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to receive Informations touching the Popiſh Plot in *Ireland* do ſit at Four of the Clock this afternoon in the Speaker's Chamber.

I *Appoint* Gabriel Kunholt *to Print theſe VOTES Peruſed by me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons, *and that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* January 4. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES

Of the HOUSE of

COMMONS,

Mercurii 5° Die Januarii 1680.

A Bill to ſupply a defective Conveyance made by *Roger Price* of the Mannor of *Weſtbury* in the County of *Bucks*, was Read a ſecond time.

Reſolved,

That the Bill be Committed.

Ordered,

That ſuch Members who were ordered to be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, for not attending the Service of this Houſe at the Call of the ſame yeſterday made, and who were in Town laſt night, be admitted to ſit in the Houſe without paying Fees.

Ordered,

That Dr. *Burnett* be deſired to proceed with and complete that good Work by him begun, in writing and publiſhing the *Hiſtory of the Reformation of the Church of* England.

A Petition of *Thomas Hobby* Eſq; touching the Election for *Great Marlow* in the County of *Bucks*, was Read.

Ordered,

That the Merits of this Cauſe be heard at the Bar of this Houſe this day ſeven-night.

A Petition of *Richard Thompſon* Clerk, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, was Read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Serjeant at Arms be impowred to receive ſufficient ſecurity for the forth-coming of the ſaid *Richard Thompſon*, to anſwer to the Impeachment of this Houſe againſt him.

A Petition of *Samuel Naſh*, and others, complaining againſt the *African* Company, was Read.

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition, be referred to the Committee to whom a former Petition of divers Merchants againſt the *African*

Company was referred, to examine the Matter thereof, and Report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House.

The House then, according to their Order, resumed the adjourned Debate touching the Articles of Impeachment delivered in to the House against Sir *William Scroggs* Knight, Chief Justice of the Court of *King's Bench*.

Upon the Debate thereof,

Resolved,

That the said Sir *William Scroggs* be Impeached upon the said respective Articles.

Resolved,

That the said Articles be Ingrost.

Ordered,

That the Lord *Cavendish* do carry up the said Articles to the Lords.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to examine the Proceedings of the Judges in *Westminster-Hall*, and to prepare Impeachments against Sir *Francis North* Chief Justice of the Court of *Common-Pleas*, Sir *Thomas Jones* one of the Justices of the Court of *Kings-Bench*, and Sir *Richard Weston* one of the Barons of the Court of *Exchequer*, do bring in such Impeachments with all convenient speed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Macnamara*, Mr. *Maurice Fitz-Gerald*, and Mr. *Murtagh Down*, do attend this House to morrow morning ten of the clock.

The House being informed that one *Bowyer*, was, upon intimation given by the Committee, appointed to prepare Evidence against the Popish Lords in the *Tower*, taken into Custody,

Ordered,

That the said *Bowyer* be delivered into the hands of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, and that he be brought to the Bar of this House to morrow morning at ten of the clock, in order to his Examination.

Ordered,

That *Richard Greene*, and *Woodhouse*, do attend to morrow morning at ten of the clock.

Ordered,

That the Committee appointed to receive Informations touching the Popish Plot in *Ireland*, do sit this Afternoon in the Speakers Chamber, and that the said Committee do make Report to the House, of the Matters to them referred, at nine of the clock to morrow morning.

I *Appoint* Gabriel Kunholt *to Print these* VOTES, *Perused by me, according to the Order of the* House of COMMONS; *And that no other Person presume to Print them.* Jan. 5. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed by *Thomas Snowden* living in *Carter-lane*, for *Gabriel Kunholt*, Book-Binder to his Highness Prince *RUPERT*; And are to be Sold at his Shop at the *King's-Head* over against the *Meuse*.

Publish'd by *Langley Curtis* in *Goat-Court* upon *Ludgate-hill*. 1680.

I Appoint *John Wright*, and *Richard Chiſwell*, to Print theſe ARTICLES of Impeachment, with the Reſolution of the HOUSE of COMMONS relating to the ſame, upon *Wedneſday* the 5*th*. of *Jan.* 1680. Peruſed by me, According to the Order of the HOUSE of COMMONS; And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.

Wi WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

ARTICLES
OF
IMPEACHMENT
OF
HIGH TREASON,
And other great Crimes and Misdemeanors against Sir
William Scroggs
Chief Justice of the COURT of
King's Bench,
By the COMMONS in
PARLIAMENT
Assembled, in their own Name, and in the Name of all the COMMONS of
ENGLAND.

LONDON,
Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*. and *Richard Chiswell*, at the Rose and Crown in St. *Paul*'s Church-Yard. 1680.

ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT OF

Sir *WILLIAM SCROGGS*

Chief Justice of the COURT of

King's Bench,

By the COMMONS in this present

PARLIAMENT

Assembled, in their own Name, and in the name of all the COMMONS of *England*, of High Treason; and other great Crimes and Misdemeanors.

I.

THat he the said Sir *William Scroggs*, then being chief Justice of the Court of *King's-Bench*, hath traiterously and wickedly endeavoured to subvert the Fundamental Laws, and the Establisht Religion and Government

of this Kingdom of *England*, and inſtead thereof, to introduce *Popery*, and an Arbitrary and Tyrannical Government, againſt Law; which he has declared by divers Traiterous and Wicked Words, Opinions, Judgments, Practices and Actions.

II.

That he the ſaid Sir *William Scroggs*, in *Trinity* Term laſt, being then chief Juſtice of the ſaid Court, and having taken an Oath duly to Adminiſter Juſtice, according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, in purſuance of his ſaid Traiterous Purpoſes did together with the reſt of the ſaid Juſtices of the ſame Court, ſeveral days before the end of the ſaid Term, in an Arbitrary manner diſcharge the Grand Jury which then Served for the Hundred of *Oſwaldſton* in the County of *Middleſex*, before they had made their Preſentments, or had found ſeveral Bills of Indictment which were then before them; whereof the ſaid Sir *William Scroggs* was then fully informed: and that the ſame would

would be tendered to the Court upon the laſt day of the ſaid Term, which day then was; and by the known Courſe of the ſaid Court, hath always heretofore been given unto the ſaid Jury for the delivering in of their Bills and Preſentments, by which ſudden and illegal Diſcharge of the ſaid Jury, the Courſe of Juſtice was ſtopt maliciouſly and deſignedly, the Preſentments of many *Papiſts* and other Offenders were obſtructed; and in particular, a Bill of Indictment againſt *James* Duke of *York* for abſenting himſelf from Church, which was then before them, was prevented from being proceeded upon.

III.

That whereas one *Henry Carr* had for ſome time before Publiſh'd every week a certain Book, Intituled *The weekly Packet of Advice* from *Rome*, *Or the Hiſtory of Popery*, wherein, the Superſtitions and Cheats of the Church of *Rome* were from time to time expoſed; he the ſaid Sir *William Scroggs* then chief Juſtice of the Court of *King's-Bench*, together with the other Judges of

of the ſaid Court before any Legal Conviction of the ſaid *Carr* of any Crime, did in the ſame *Trinity* Term, in a moſt Illegal and Arbitrary manner, make and cauſe to be entred a certain Rule of that Court againſt the Printing of the ſaid Book, *in Hæc Verba.*

Dies Mercurii proxime poſt tres Septimanas Sanctæ Trinitatis Anno 32 Car. 2. Regis.

ORdinatum eſt quod Liber intitulat' The weekly Packet of Advice from *Rome*, Or, The Hiſtory of Popery, *Non ulterius Imprimatur vel publiceiur per aliquam perſonam quamcunque.*

Per Cur'

And did cauſe the ſaid *Carr* and divers Printers and other Perſons to be ſerved with the ſame; which ſaid Rule and other Proceedings were moſt apparently contrary to all Juſtice in Condemning, not only what had been written without hearing the Parties, but alſo all that might for the future be written on that Subject; A manifeſt Countenancing of *Popery* and diſcouragement of *Proteſtants*, an open Invaſion upon the Right of the Subject, and an encroaching and aſſuming to themſelves a Legiſlative Power and Authority. IV.

IV.

That he the ſaid Sir *William Scroggs* ſince he was made Chief Juſtice of the Kings-bench, hath, together with the other Judges of the ſaid Court, moſt notoriouſly departed from all Rules of Juſtice and Equality, in the Impoſition of Fines upon perſons Convicted of Miſdemeanours in the ſaid Court; and particularly in the Term of *Eaſter* laſt paſt, did openly declare in the ſaid Court in the Caſe of one *Feſſop* who was convicted of Publiſhing Falſe News, and was then to be fined, That he would have regard to Perſons and their Principles in impoſing of Fines, and would ſet a Fine of 500 l. on one perſon for the ſame Offence for the which he would not fine another 100 l. And according to his ſaid unjuſt and arbitrary Declaration, he the ſaid Sir *Will. Scroggs*, together with the ſaid other Juſtices, did then impoſe a Fine of 100 l. upon the ſaid *Feſſop*, although the ſaid *Feſſop* had before that time proved one *Hewit* to be

convicted as Author of the ſaid falſe News; and afterwards in the ſame Term, did fine the ſaid *Hewit* upon his ſaid Conviction only five Marks. Nor hath the ſaid Sir *Will. Scroggs*, together with the other Judges of the ſaid Court, had any regard to the nature of the Offences or the Ability of the Perſons, in the impoſing of Fines; but have been manifeſtly partial and favourable to Papiſts, and perſons affected to, and promoting the Popiſh Intereſt, in this time of eminent danger from them: And at the ſame time have moſt ſeverely and grievouſly oppreſſed his Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects, as will appear upon view of the ſeveral Records of Fines ſet in the ſaid Court: By which arbitrary, unjuſt, and partial Proceedings, many of his Majeſties Liege People have been ruined, and Popery countenanced under colour of Juſtice; and all the Miſchiefs and Exceſſes of the Court of Star-Chamber, by Act of Parliament ſuppreſſed, have been again, in direct oppoſition to the ſaid Law, introduced.

V. That

V.

That he the ſaid Sir *Will. Scroggs*, for the further accompliſhing of his ſaid traiterous and wicked purpoſes, and deſigning to ſubject the Perſons as well as the Eſtates of his Majeſties Liege people to his lawleſs will and pleaſure, hath frequently refuſed to accept of Bail, though the ſame were ſufficient, & legally tendered unto him by many perſons accuſed before him only of ſuch Crimes for which by Law Bail ought to have been taken, and divers of the ſaid perſons being onely accuſed of Offences againſt himſelf, declaring at the ſame time, That he refuſed Bail, and committed them to Goal onely to put them to Charges; and uſing ſuch furious Threats as were to the terrour of his Majeſties Subjects, and ſuch ſcandalous Expreſſions as were a diſhonour to the Government, and to the dignity of his Office. And particularly, That he the ſaid Sir *Will. Scroggs* did in the year 1679, commit and detain in Priſon, in ſuch unlawful manner, among others,

thers, *Henry Carr*, *George Broome*, *Edw. Berry*, *Benj Harris*, *Francis Smith* Senior, *Francis Smith* Jun. and *Jane Curtis*, Citizens of *London*: Which Proceedings of the ſaid Sir *Will. Scroggs*, are a high Breach of the Liberty of the Subject, deſtructive to the Fundamental Laws of this Realm, contrary to the Petition of Right, and other Statutes; and do manifeſtly tend to the introducing of Arbitrary Power.

VI.

That he the ſaid Sir *Will. Scroggs*, in further oppreſſion of his Majeſties Liege People, hath ſince his being made Chief Juſtice of the ſaid Court of Kings-bench, in an Arbitrary manner, granted divers general Warrants for attaching the the Perſons and ſeizing the Goods of his Majeſties Subjects, not named or deſcribed particularly in the ſaid Warrants: By means whereof, many of his Majeſties Subjects have been vexed, their Houſes entered into, and they themſelves grievouſly oppreſſed, contrary to Law.

VII.

VII.

Whereas there hath been a Horrid and Damnable Plot contrived and carryed on by the *Papists*, for the Murthering the King, the Subversion of the Laws and Government of this Kingdom, and for the Destruction of the *Protestant* Religion in the same; All which the said Sir *William Scroggs* well knew, having himself not onely Tryed, but given Judgment against several of the Offenders; Nevertheless, the said Sir *W. Scroggs*, did at divers times and places, as well sitting in Court, as otherwise, openly Defame and scandalize several of the Witnesses, who had proved the said Treasons against divers of the Conspirators, and had given Evidence against divers other persons, who were then untryed, and did Endeavour to Disparage their Evidence, and take off their Credit, whereby as much as in him lay, he did Traiterously and wickedly suppress and stifle the Discovery of the said *Popish* Plot, and Encourage the Conspirators to proceed in the same, to the great and apparent danger of His Majesties Sacred Life, and of the well-Established Government, and Religion of this Realm of *England*.

VIII.

Whereas the said Sir *William Scroggs* being Advanced to be Chief Justice of the

Court of *Kings-Bench*, ought by a ſober, grave, and Vertuous Converſation, to have given a good Example to the Kings Liege-people, and to demean himſelf anſwerable to the dignity of ſo Eminent a Station; Yet he the ſaid Sir *William Scroggs*, on the contrary, by his frequent and notorious Exceſſes and Debaucheries, and his prophane and Atheiſtical diſcourſes, doth daily affront Almighty God, diſhonour his Majeſty, give Countenance and Incouragement to all manner of Vice and Wickedneſs, and being the higheſt ſcandal on the publick Juſtice of the Kingdome.

All which Words, Opinions and Actions of the ſaid Sir *William Scroggs*, were by *him* ſpoken and done, Traiterouſly, Wickedly, falſly and maliciouſly, to alienate the hearts of the Kings ſubjects from His Majeſty, and to ſet a Diviſion between him and them, and to ſubvert the Fundamental Laws, and the Eſtabliſht Religion and Government of this Kingdom, and to Introduce *Popery*, and an Arbitrary and Tyrannical Government, and contrary to his own knowledge, & the *known Laws* of the *Realm* of *England*; and thereby he the ſaid Sir *William Scroggs* hath not onely broken his own Oath, but alſo as far as in

him lay, hath broken the Kings Oath to his People ; whereof he the ſaid Sir *William Scroggs* repreſenting His Majeſty in ſo high an Office of Juſtice, had the Cuſtody; for which the ſaid *Commons* do Impeach him the ſaid Sir *William Scroggs* of the High-Treaſon againſt our Soveraign Lord the King, and his Crown and Dignity, and other the High Crimes and Miſdemeanours aforeſaid.

And the ſaid *Commons* by Proteſtation ſaveing to themſelves the Liberty of Exhibiting at any time hereafter any other Accuſation or Impeachment againſt the ſaid Sir *William Scroggs*, and alſo of Replying to the Anſwer that he ſhall make thereunto, and of Offering proofs of the premiſſes, or of any other Impeachments or Accuſations that ſhall be by them exhibited againſt him as the Caſe ſhall (according to the Courſe of *Parliament*) require. Do Pray that the ſaid Sir *Will. Scroggs*, Chief Juſtice of the Court of *Kings-Bench*, may be put to Anſwer to all and every the Premiſſes, and may be committed to ſafe Cuſtody : and that ſuch Proceedings, Examinations, Tryals, and Judgements, may be upon him had and uſed as is agreeable to Law and Juſtice, and the Courſe of Parliaments.

RESOLVED,

That the ſaid Sir William Scroggs *be Impeached upon the ſaid Articles.*

FINIS.

VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Jovis 6° die Januarii, 1680.

A Bill for the more eaſie Collecting the Duty of Hearth-money was Read a ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the Bill be committed upon the Debate of the Houſe.

A Bill for Repealing an Act made in the thirteenth year of His now Majeſties reign, Entituled, *An Act for the well governing of Corporations*, was Read the ſecond time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be committed upon the Debate of the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do ſuſpend the iſſuing out of any Warrant for taking into Cuſtody Sir *Phil. Skippon* who made Default in Attending the Houſe at the Call thereof on Tueſday laſt.

Colonel *Birch* reports from the Committee appointed to receive Informations relating to the Popiſh Plot in *Ireland*, That the Committee, having proceeded upon the Matters to them referred, had taken ſeveral Examinations and received the Anſwer of Sir *John Davis*, and had alſo peruſed ſeveral Informations tranſmitted from the Houſe of Lords relating to the ſaid Plot; all which he Read in his place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Clerks Table, where the ſame were again Read.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Meſſage ſent from the Lords on Tueſday laſt, wherein they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe, the Houſe reſolved,

That this Houſe doth agree with the Lords in the ſaid Vote, with the Addition of theſe words, *That the Duke of* York *being a Papiſt, and the Expectation of his coming to the Crown hath given the greateſt Countenance and Encouragement thereto, aſwell as to the Horrid Popiſh Plot in this Kingdom of* England.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Vote be delivered to the Lords at a Conference.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reaſons to be offered at the ſaid Conference.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Informations of *John Macknawara*, *Maurice Fitz-Gerrald*, and *James Naſh*, this day Read to the Houſe, relating to the *Iriſh* Plot, be forwith Printed.

Reſolved, That *Rich. Poure*, Earl of *Tyrone*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, be impeached of High Treaſon.

Ordered, That the Lord *Durſeley* do go up to the Bar of the Lords and Impeach him of High Treaſon in the Name of this Houſe and of all the Commons of *England*, and do pray that he may be committed to ſafe Cuſtody.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to prepare the Evidence againſt the Popiſh Lords in the Tower do prepare the ſaid Impeachment.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report, in relation to *Arthur*, Earl of *Angleſey* and Sir *John Davies*, be adjourned to Saturday morning next, Ten of the clock in a full Houſe.

I *Appoint* Gabriel Kunholt *to Print theſe* VOTES, *Peruſed by me according to the Order of the* Houſe of Commons; *And that no other Perſon preſume to Print them.* January 6. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

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VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Veneris 7° Die Januarii 1680.

He Engroſſed Articles of Impeachment of Sr. *William Scroggs* Chief-
Juſtice of the Court of *Kings-Bench*, of High Treaſon and other great
nes and Miſdemeanours being Read, the ſame were carried up to the
s by the Lord *Cavendiſh*.

dered, That Mr. *Lewknor* and Colonel *Strangewayes* have leave to go
the Country, for Recovery of their Health.

Bill to prevent vexatious Actions was Read a firſt Time.

ſolved, That the Bill be Read a Second Time.

Bill to prevent Brewers to be Juſtices of the Peace in the place where
exerciſe that Trade, was Read the Firſt Time.

eſolved, That the ſaid Bill be Read a Second Time.

Bill to prevent the Simony of one Perſon from prejudicing another,
Read the Firſt Time.

olved, That the ſaid Bill be Read a Second Time.

Bill for the better diſcovery of Settlements of Eſtates for ſuperſtitious
was Read a Second Time.

olved, That the Bill be Committed upon the Debate of the Houſe.

e Houſe being Informed, That one *John Fancourt* had lately ſpoken cer-
editious and dangerous words, for which he hath been Secured in the
of *Lincoln*.

dered, That it be Referred to the Committee Appointed to Receive In-
tions touching the Popiſh Plot, to Examine the Matter of this Infor-
n, and to Report the ſame, with their Opinions therein to the Houſe.

e Houſe then according to their Order, entered into the Conſideration
Majeſties Meſſage ſent to this Houſe on *Tueſday* laſt.

olved, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that there is no ſecuri-
ſafety for the Proteſtant Religion, the King's Life, or the well conſti-
and eſtabliſhed Government of this Kingdom, without paſſing a Bill
ſabling *James* Duke of *York* to Inherit the Imperial Crown of *England*
eland, and the Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging; and
y upon any other Means or Remedies, without ſuch a Bill, is not
ufficient, but dangerous.

ved, That His Majeſty in his laſt Meſſage, having aſſured this Houſe
Readineſs to concur in all other Means, for the preſervation of the
ant Religion; this Houſe doth declare, that until a Bill be likewiſe
for excluding the Duke of *York*, this Houſe cannot give any Sup-
His Majeſty, without danger to His Majeſties Perſon, extream ha-
the Proteſtant Religion, and unfaithfulneſs to thoſe by whom this
is intruſted.

Resolved, That all Persons who advised His Majesty in his last Message to this House, to insist upon an Opinion against the Bill for excluding the Duke of *York*, have given pernicious Counsel to His Majesty, and are Promoters of Popery, and Enemies ro the King and Kingdom.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, That *George* Earl of *Hallifax* is one of the Persons who advised His Majesty in his last Message to this House, to insist upon an Opinion against the Bill for excluding the Duke of *York*, and hath therein given pernicious Counsel to His Majesty, and is a Promoter of Popery, and an Enemy to the King and Kingdom.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, to remove *Lawrence Hide* Esq; from His Majesties Council and Presence, and from his Office in the Treasury for ever.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, to remove *Henry* Marquis of *Worcester* from his Presence and Council, and all the Offices and Imployments of Honour and Profit for ever.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, That *Henry* Marquis of *Worcester* is one of the Persons who advised His Majesty in his last Message to this House, to insist upon an Opinion against the Bill for excluding the Duke of *York*, and hath therein given pernicious Counsel to His Majesty, and is a Promoter of Popery, and an Enemy to the King and Kingdom.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, That *Henry* Earl of *Clarendon* is one of the Persons who Advised His Majesty in His last Message to this House, to insist upon an Opinion against the Bill for Excluding the Duke of *York*, hath therein given pernicious Counsel to His Majesty, and is a Promoter of Popery, and an Enemy to the King and Kingdom.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House That *Lewis* Earl of *Feversham* is a Promoter of Popery, and of the French Interest, and a dangerous Enemy to the King and Kingdom.

Resolved, That an humble Address be made to His Majesty to remove *Lewis* Earl of *Feversham*, from all Military Offices and Commands, and from all other Publick Offices and Imployments, and from His Majesties presence for ever.

A Motion being made for an Address to His Majesty to Remove *Edward Seymour* Esq; from His Majesties Council and Presence.

Ordered, That the Debate thereof be adjourned to *Monday* morning next.

Ordered, That the Committee Appointed to Prepare an Address to His Majesty, in Answer to His Majesties Message relating to *Tangier*, do prepare an humble Address to His Majesty upon the Resolutions and Debate of the House.

Resolved, That whosoever shall hereafter Lend, or cause to be Lent by way of Advance, any Money upon the branches of the King's Revenue arising by Customs, Excise, or Hearth-Money, shall be adjudged to hinder the Sitting of Parliaments, and shall be responsible for the same in Parliament.

Resolved, That whosoever shall Accept or Buy any Tally of Anticipation upon any part of the King's Revenue; or whosoever shall pay such Tally hereafter to be struck, shall be adjudged to hinder the Sittings of Parliaments, and shall be responsible therefore in Parliament.

I *Appoint* Gabriel Kunholt *to Print these* VOTES, *Perused by me, according to the Order of the* House of COMMONS; *And that no other Person presume to Print them.* Jan. 7. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker.*

London, Printed by *Thomas Snowden* living in *Carter-lane*, for *Gabriel Kunholt*, Book-Binder to his Highness Prince *RUPERT*; And are to be Sold at his Shop at the *King's-Head* over against the *Meuse*.

Publish'd by *Langley Curtis* in *Goat-Court* upon *Ludgate-hill*. 1680.

VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Sabbati 8° die Januarii, 1680.

A Petition of ſeveral Clothiers and others concerned in the furniſhing and quartering of the Forces lately diſbanded was Read.

Ordered,

That it be referred to the Committee for receiving the Accounts of the Commiſſioners appointed to diſband the ſaid Army to examin the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and report the ſame with their Opinions therein to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Lords by Sir *John Coell* and Sir *Timothy Baldwin*.

Mr. *Speaker*,

The Lords have ſent us to give this Houſe notice that their Lordſhips have appointed this day ſeven night for hearing the Cauſe upon the Impeachment of Mr. *Seymour*, and that this Houſe may reply if they think fit.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Chaffin* have leave to go into the Country.

Information being given to the Houſe by the Serjeant at Arms that Sir *John Lloyd*, Sir *Edw. Philips*, *Herbert Herring*, *Samuel Verdon*, *Miles Baſpole*, *Iles*, and *Arthur Teomans*, who for divers great Miſdemanours by them committed againſt the Privilege of this Houſe were ordered to be taken in cuſtody of the ſaid Serjeant do ſo abſcond themſelves that the ſaid Order cannot be put in execution againſt them.

Ordered,

That an Humble Application be made to His Majeſty from this Houſe by ſuch Members thereof as are of His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy-council, deſiring His Majeſty to iſſue out His Royal Proclamation for the Apprehending the ſaid ſeveral Perſons in caſe they ſhall not render themſelves to the Serjeant by a certain day therein to be limited.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to inquire and examin what Popiſh Prieſts convict are in Newgate and other Gaols in this Kingdom, and to inquire into their conditions and circumſtances upon the Debate of the Houſe.

Mr. *Treby* reports from the Committee of Elections and Privileges to whom the Matter touching the Election for the Borough of *Queenborough* in the County of *Kent* was referred, That the Committee having taken the same into their Consideration had agreed upon two Resolves which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerks Table, where the same being Read are as follow, *viz.*

Resolved,

That *James Herbert*, Esquire, is not duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of *Queenborough* in the County of *Kent*.

Resolved,

That *William Glanvill*, Esquire, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the said Borough of *Queenborough*.

To which Resolves the House agreed.

The Clerk of the Crown being called in amended the Retorn for the said Borough by rasing out the Name of the said *James Herbert*, and inserting the Name of the said *William Glanvill* in the Indenture.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dowly*, a Member of this House, have leave to go into the Country for Recovery of his Health.

Ordered,

That the Chairman of the Committee of Grievances to whom the Petition of Mr. *Baldwin Leighton* was referred, do make Report thereof to the House on Munday morning next.

Ordered,

That the Matter in question relating to *Arthur*, Earl of *Anglesey*, and Sir *John Davies*, which was appointed for this day, be adjourned to Monday morning next, Ten of the clock.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to inspect the Journals of this House, and of the House of Lords, and Precedents, to justifie and maintain that the Lords ought to commit Persons to safe custody when impeached for High Treason by the Commons in Parliament, and to make report thereof to the House.

Resolved, That Gabriel Kunnoth *to Print these* VOTES, *Perused by me according to the Order of the* House *of* Commons; *And that no other Person presume to Print them.* January 8. 1680.

W. Williams, *Speaker*.

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Printed by *Langley Curtis* in *Goat-Court* upon *Ludgate-Hill*.

VOTES
Of the HOUSE of
COMMONS,

Lunæ 10° *Die Januarii* 1680.

Reſolved, That whoſoever adviſed His Majeſty to Prorogue this Parliament, to any other purpoſe than in order to the paſſing of a Bill for the Excluſion of *James* Duke of *York*, is a Betrayer of the King, the Proteſtant Religion, and of the Kingdom of *England*; a Promoter of the *French* Intereſt, and a Penſioner to *France*.

Reſolved, That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to the City of *London* for their manifeſt Loyalty to the King, their Care, Charge, and Vigilancy for the Preſervation of His Majeſties Perſon, and of the Proteſtant Religion.

Ordered, That the Members that ſerve for the City of *London*, do accordingly give them the Thanks of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the City of *London* was burnt in the Year 1666 by the Papiſts, deſigning thereby to introduce Arbitrary Power and Popery into this Kingdom.

Reſolved, That the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, and other Officers of the Cuſtom-Houſe, have wilfully broken the Law Prohibiting the Importation of *French* Wines, and other Commodities; And that if they ſhall hereafter Wilfully or Negligently break that Law, they ſhall be queſtioned therefore in Parliament.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That *James* Duke of *Monmouth* hath been Removed from his Offices and Commands, by the Influence of the Duke of *York*.

Ordered, That an Humble Application be made to H Majeſty from this Houſe, by ſuch Members thereof as a of His Majeſties moſt Honourable Privy Council, to deſi His Majeſty to Reſtore the ſaid *James* Duke of *Monmou* to his ſaid Offices and Commands.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That t Proſecution of Proteſtant Diſſenters upon the Penal Law is at this time Grievous to the Subject, a Weakning of t Proteſtant Intereſt, an Encouragement to Popery, and Da gerous to the Peace of the Kingdom.

A Meſſage from the King by Sir *Edward Carteret* Uſher the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,

The King Commands this Honourable Houſe to Atte Him immediately in the Houſe of Peers; And according *Mr. Speaker* went up with the Houſe to Attend His Majeſt who was pleaſed to Prorogue this preſent Parliament next Thurſday ſeven-night, being the 20th day of this inſta *January* 1680.

I *Appoint* John Wright *and* Richard Chiſwell *to Print theſe VOTES, Peruſe me, according to the Order of the* Houſe of COMMONS; *And that no o Perſon preſume to Print them.* Jan. 10. 1680.

Wi Williams, *Speaker*

His Majeſty gave His Royal Aſſent to the Act, Prohibiti the Importation of Cattle from *Ireland*.

And to the Act, For Supplying the late Act for Burying Woollen.

And to an Act, To Rectifie Errors in Sir *Charles Houghto* Settlement.

☞ The ſeveral Informations of *John Mac-Namara*, *Maurice Fitzgerald*, *James Naſh*, Gentlemen; Relating to the Horrid *Popiſh Plot* in *Ireland*: To ther with the Reſolutions of the COMMONS in PARLIAMENT, upon ſaid Informations and Meſſage from the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Pa ment, *Thurſday* the 6*th* of *January*. 1680. Are now Printed and Publi by Appointment of the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, for *John Wright*, *Richard Chiſwell*.

LONDON, Printed for *John Wright*, at the Crown on *Ludgate-hill*, *Richard Chiſwell*, at the Roſe and Crown in St. *Paul*'s Church-Yard. 1680.